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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Release Of Oatis

THE release of Mr. William Oatis, the American newspaperman from imprisonment by the Czech Government, is a satisfactory, though long overdue event. That he was a beneficiary under a fortuitous and politically-inspired general amnesty cannot be denied. In other words the Czech Communists did not give him his freedom because they felt he had suffered any injustice, but as an expediency. The amnesty granted by the Czechs obviously was dictated by the Kremlin; equally clear it was designed to make an impression on the outside world as well as to try and convince the Czechoslovakian people that a new era of tolerancy was about to open. The first external effects of the Soviet amnesty have now worn off and cautious appraisal has replaced enthusiastic expectations of a completely new Communist policy. The release of Mr. Oatis, however, is not without meaning. Had they so wished the Czechs could have refused to extend the amnesty to him inasmuch that he was found guilty and convicted of allegedly plotting against the State. Thus it may be expected the Communists will point to their "generosity" as positive proof of their desire to help bring about new international relations. United States public opinion may not be so easily moved, yet the action cannot be dismissed as inconsequential. The trading and travelling sanctions which Washington applied against Czechoslovakia because of the imprisonment of Mr. Oatis can hardly be justified now that he has been freed, and the mere restoration of something approaching normal relations between the United States and Czechoslovakia cannot fail to have a useful effect on the international atmosphere. It would be encouraging to be able to believe that this action by the Czech Government was indicative of even more deeds to come that could be taken as a positive sign of the Communists' genuine desire to bring to an end the cold war which they launched six years ago.

Lattimore Case
THE news agencies seem to have overlooked the recent decision of Judge Luther Youngdahl, of the Federal District Court in Washington, dismissing four of the seven counts on which Professor Owen Lattimore was indicted for perjury. He said there was "serious doubt in the Court's mind whether any count in this indictment can finally pass the test of materiality." The judge, however, denied the motion to dismiss three of the counts, without prejudice to the rights of the defence to renew the motion at the time of the trial, which he refused to postpone beyond the date already fixed—October 6. The judge was particularly hard on the first count, which he discussed at great length. This charge is that Mr. Lattimore lied when he told the Senate subcommittee on internal security that he was not a sympathiser or promoter of Communism or Communist interests. The judge held that this charge violated both the first and sixth amendments to the Constitution, and was "so nebulous and indefinite that a jury might have to indulge in speculation in order to arrive at a verdict." Despite the clarity of the judgments they have been severely attacked by Lattimore's enemies in the Senate, and it may be taken for granted that there will be continued pressure to make the "indismissed accusations stick."

GUIMGAM INQUEST OPENS

HKFA Official Gives Evidence INJURED MAN IN HOTEL

An inquiry into the death of the late Mr. J. C. Guimgam who was the Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association and Sports Editor of the Hongkong Standard began before Mr. Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

Det. Sub-Insp. W. E. Thomas, conducting the inquiry, revealed that the late Mr. Guimgam was seen at the White House Hotel in Wanchai on the afternoon of February 20 by Dr. Ribeiro, who after examining the deceased, said that he should be sent to the Queen Mary Hospital. Insp. Thomas added that the deceased died two days later after two operations had been performed on him.

The first witness called, Mr. Ruan Jahn, Mohamed Omar, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, said that he had known the deceased for over 30 years, and that at the time of his death, he was the Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association. Mr. Omar said that he saw the deceased on February 16 at an airport dinner at the Hongkong Football Club connected with the visit to the Colony of an Austrian football team. The witness said that he left the Club at about 11 p.m., and that Guimgam told him when he was leaving that he would stay a while longer. He added that the deceased appeared to be sober, and that he was with Mr. Dionisio Calvo, a visitor from the Philippines.

Mr. Omar said that he did not see the deceased again until the following Friday, February 20, and that during that period there were one or two functions at which the deceased should have been present but was not.

Continuing, witness said that at noon on February 20, he received a telephone call. He recognised the voice to be that of the deceased, but it was very slurred. The deceased told him over the telephone that he had a severe headache, and that he thought he had neuralgia and a bad tooth. The deceased asked him to get someone to take the Chair at the FA meeting to be held that same evening, as he thought that he could not attend.

Mr. Omar said that after promising the deceased that he would do as requested, he asked the deceased why his voice was so slurred and that his lips were hurt. He asked the latter question because he had heard on February 18 that the deceased had been assaulted. The answer the deceased gave was that his lips were not hurt.

After telling the deceased to go to his room to rest, Mr. Omar added that he also informed the deceased that he would be down to see him immediately, and asked where he was phoning from. The reply was that he was at Winner House.

House Hotel and visit Mr. Guimgam. On arrival at the hotel, Mr. Omar said, he and Mr. Channing were taken to Room 208, and that on entering, they saw the deceased lying on the bed. He was asleep. As they did not want to disturb him, Mr. Omar said that they waited for a while. A few minutes later, he said that Mr. Channing left, and that while Mr. Channing was away, Guimgam opened his eyes, saw and recognised him. Guimgam said, "Lee Theatre, three soldiers."

"I told him to rest and not to talk, and that I had asked Dr. Ribeiro to see him later," Mr. Omar added. "He closed his eyes, but after a while, he said 'Lido'. I asked him to tell me exactly what happened, but (Contd on back page, Col. 5)

Good News For Everest Climbers
New Delhi, May 17. British mountaineers, clinging to the snow-covered slopes of Mt. Everest, today heard weather news which may send them on the summit. The attempt to scale the 29,002 feet unquarred peak within the next few days.

All India Radio, in its special weather service for the climbers, for the first time foretold fair weather in the Everest area. No man can hope to reach the top unless the weather is exceptionally friendly. The broadcast said that at 29,000 feet the wind would blow 35 to 40 knots—a considerable drop since yesterday. The bulletin covering the 24 hours until midday tomorrow said it would be "mainly fair," with a slight possibility of a light snow shower this evening. Mountaineering experts believed that if the forecast fine weather follows, the climbers may be able to set up their Camp 7 on the exposed South Col of Everest at 25,800 feet.

FINAL POSITION
This is the final assault position whence a small party probably of two climbers only would climb to a position for Camp 8 at 27,500 feet, leaving about 1,500 feet to be covered in the last arduous ascent. It was believed in Kathmandu, where the party of "climbers" trekked into the interior of Nepal, that the expedition has made Camp 6 at 24,000 feet on the face of Lhotse, Everest's neighbour. The two-man party to make the final push upwards under the trying conditions of extreme cold and a rarified atmosphere will probably consist of Mr. George Band 24, youngest member of the expedition, and the famed guide Tenzing. Tenzing, 30, 23,215 feet last year with a Swiss Expedition—Reuter.

Dulles Arrives In Cairo



Mr. John Foster Dulles (left), US Secretary of State, and Mr. Harold Stassen (right) Director of the Mutual Security Agency, are greeted by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi (centre) upon the arrival of the American representatives in Cairo. See story below.—AP Photo.

Agreement Not Far Off Insists Egyptian Spokesman

Cairo, May 17. Aly Zein El Abdin, secretary to the Egyptian delegation at the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the Canal Zone issue said here tonight that despite the present deadlock "agreement with the British Government is not far off."

Mr. El Abdin who is the Director of the Political Department at the Egyptian Presidency of the Council of Ministers added: "The Egyptian Government is hopeful as to the final outcome."

He disclosed that the talks had progressed to the extent that agreement on the formation of an Anglo-Egyptian Military Commission to report on the phased withdrawal of British troops from the Canal Zone.

He said agreement had also been reached on the British technicians who would help Egyptian forces maintain the Canal Base.

Mr. Abdin said Egypt insisted on full sovereignty over the Canal Base and British technicians would come under Egyptian command.

The declaration of Mr. John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State, for the maintenance of the Canal Base was "not incompatible with the Egyptian thesis," Mr. Abdin said.

Mr. Dulles said in a statement on his arrival in Cairo for talks with General Mohamed Naguib and his Foreign Minister Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi that President Eisenhower's Administration had discussed with the British Government prior understanding between Britain and the Truman Administration and had also discussed matters affecting the Middle East and Egyptian representatives in Cairo and Washington. "We came to the conclusion that there should be a solution consistent with full Egyptian sovereignty with a phased withdrawal of foreign troops—all to be arranged however so that the important base in the Canal area with its depot of supplies and systems of technical supervision should remain in good working order and be available for immediate use on behalf of the free world in the event of future hostilities," Mr. Dulles said.

Lyttelton's Air-Eye View Of The Situation

Nyeri, Kenya May 17. Royal Air Force Harvard roared off a bulldozed air-strip near here today to bomb a Mau Mau hideout in the Aberdares, only half an hour after the British Colonial Secretary Mr. Oliver Lyttelton had left the same improvised airbase to return to Nairobi.

Mr. Lyttelton today flew off the strip—on a European farm 10 miles northwest of Nyeri—in a light spotter plane to get an on-the-spot account of the Mau Mau "war" from the men directing the anti-terrorist campaign here in the heart of Kenya's worst Mau Mau area.

The Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, and Major-General William Hind, director of anti-Mau Mau operations, accompanied Mr. Lyttelton who is on a fact-finding tour of the Colony.

The Harvard which took part in today's raid on a Mau Mau lair ten thousand feet up in the hills flew on a bombing mission against the terrorists last night dropping two sticks of twenty pound anti-personnel bombs on what was believed to be a Mau Mau encampment in a clearing in the Aberdare forest.

LATEST ANALYSIS
Mr. Lyttelton spent practically all today in the brick-built provincial commissioners' headquarters here. In the operations centre the Colonial Secretary was given the latest analysis of the Mau Mau situation and briefed on future plans for the fight against the gangs which have recently grown alarmingly in strength, determination and violence in this area. Mr. Lyttelton "sat in" on meetings of the recently formed provincial and district committees.

The situation in this district has now become open warfare between Mau Mau gangs and Government forces, a senior military officer said today.

He declared that the terrorists were now stronger and had more arms and were more skillfully led than at any time since the emergency. A patrol of the Kenya African Rifles today killed 10 Mau Mau terrorists and wounded three in a clash with a gang in the Fort Hall reserve.

Police headquarters in Nairobi said tonight that the patrol which suffered no casualties seized eight rifles and two automatic weapons.

In another area of the same reserve last night Kikuyu Home Guards beat off a determined attack by about 40 terrorists who attacked Chomo Kikuyu home guard post.—Reuter.

BIG FRENCH VICTORY IN INDO-CHINA

Hanoi, May 17. The French scored their biggest victory in six months today when they beat off savage Viet-minh attacks against a key position in the Red River delta, which the rebels tried to capture to honour their Moscow-trained leader, Ho Chi-minh. Paratroopers with tank and air support wrestled for 28 hours with strong rebel forces to recapture all the concrete bunkers of the Indo-Chinese Maginot Line, which the rebels had temporarily cracked at Yen Vi, 30 miles south of here.

Capture of the intricate steel and concrete defence line at Yen Vi was one of the targets assigned to the Vietnamese 320th Division to honour the 63rd anniversary of their rebel leader on May 19.

Viet-minh units all over Indo-China had promised to achieve similar "targets" for the occasion, the French Commander said. A Commander spokesman said that early today Yen Vi was "solidly in our hands." The fall of Yen Vi would have sent the rebel division rolling into the Hanoi delta area.

The battle of Yen Vi was the biggest French victory since the French inflicted a smashing defeat on the rebels at the Thai country bastion of Nuan last November.

ALL-OUT ASSAULT
The 320th Division has been trying unsuccessfully to sneak into the delta through the French bunker system built by the late Marshal Jean de Lattre de Tassigny. Last weekend the Viet-minh Generalissimo Vo Nguyen Giap ordered an all-out assault.

After a fierce shelling of the French positions the Red waves flung themselves against the ring of steel and concrete on Friday afternoon and kept hammering at the French defenders for 28 hours.

The rebels entered some bunkers, but the main force held out until the arrival of reinforcements. The rebels were thrown back from the positions, which command access to the western part of the Red River delta after heavy French tanks and fighter planes joined the battle.

For the second day in succession, no fighting was reported from the neighbouring kingdom of Laos today.

The British High Commissioner for Southeast Asia, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald arrived this morning at Saigon by air from Singapore. He was greeted at the airport by the French Far Eastern Navy Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Philippe Aubreyneau, and other top-ranking French and Vietnamese officials.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Macdonald flew to Da Lat for what was described as "routine talks" with the French Minister for Indo-China, M. Jean Letourneau, at the Vietnamese administrative capital.

NAVARRIE LEAVES

Paris, May 17. General Henri Navarre the new French Commander-in-Chief for Indo-China left here for Saigon tonight by the regular air service to the East. He will relieve General Raoul Salan who has been 27 months in Indo-China—the normal tour of duty.—Reuter.

Spots "Flying Fishbowl"

Brisbane, May 17. An Australian commercial airline pilot has reported sighting a "flying fishbowl" south of Mackay, the North Queensland port. He said it appeared to have a lighted dome as it manoeuvred around his DC3 aircraft. It crossed his path and "disappeared westward travelling at terrific speed." A control tower official and radio officer reported seeing a similar object. There were no other official aircraft about at the time.—Reuter.

"SHOCK TROOP" MIGRANTS

Sydney, May 17. British migrants have organised "shock troops" to resist eviction from a government hostel near Sydney and have planned to barricade themselves in their quarters, the Sunday Sun reported here today. About 450 British migrant families in various hostels in New South Wales and other States are under eviction threat for refusing to pay for increases in board and accommodation in the hostels.—Reuter.

Attlee Is Vindicated

Washington, May 17. The Washington Star said today that the text of last Tuesday's controversial speech by Mr. Attlee, leader of Britain's Opposition (Labour) Party, bore out his contention that his remarks, alleged to have criticised the United States constitution had been misinterpreted in this country.

"Mr. Attlee certainly was unwise in saying some of the things he did at this time," the Star said in an editorial. "But it seems quite clear from the text that he was not indulging in an anti-American tirade in an effort to gain some partisan political advantage in Britain."

"Instead, for the most part he was trying, as he said, to set certain facts about the American political system which may not be thoroughly understood in Britain." The Star, which criticised Mr. Attlee's speech on the basis of earlier news reports, apologised by saying it "welcomes this opportunity to print the text" which arrived only this week-end.—Reuter.

Queen Leaves Balmoral

London, May 17. Queen Elizabeth ended her short Scottish holiday at Balmoral Castle, Deeside, tonight and motored to Aberdeen to join the overnight train for London.

The Queen had spent a quiet week at Balmoral, the royal residence in Scotland, preparatory to the rigorous round of her Coronation programme. The Coronation is on June 2. A crowd of 3,000 gave the Queen a rousing welcome at Aberdeen, breaking through the police cordon and surrounding the Royal Car as she stepped out.

Earlier accompanied by her four years old son Prince Charles the Queen attended morning service at Catholich Church near Balmoral. The Queen's husband the Duke of Edinburgh left Balmoral this morning and reached Buckingham Palace later in the day. The Royal children Prince Charles and Princess Anne will leave Balmoral for London by train tomorrow.—Reuter.

FORMULA FOUND?

Mr. Dulles was reported by the Egyptian press after his visit to Cairo to have found a formula for settling the dispute but Mr. Dulles made no mention of it himself.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, told the House of Commons on Tuesday that the Egyptians had made five points in the Canal Zone negotiations.

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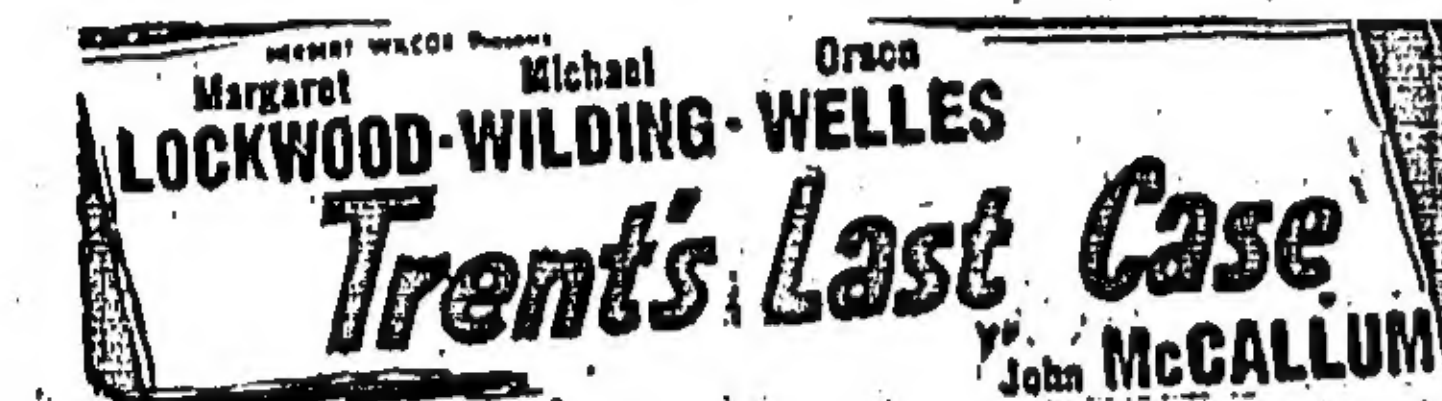
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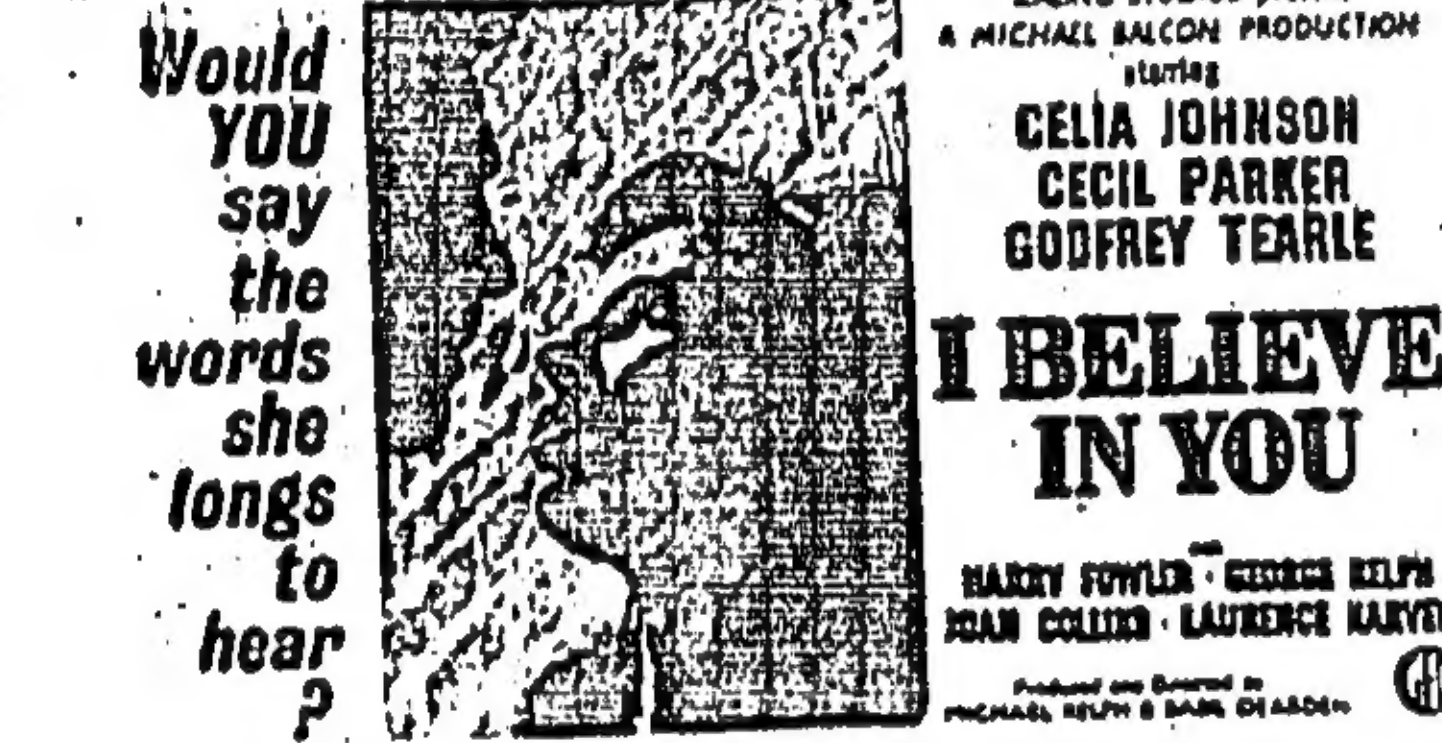
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A Posy For The Queen



With the practiced ease of a debutante, Caroline Hunt, aged 9, drops a curtsy and presents a posy to the Queen as Her Majesty, with the Duke of Edinburgh (in centre background), arrived for the gala performance of "King Henry VIII" at the Old Vic. Caroline is the daughter of Mr Hugh Hunt, Director of the Old Vic. — Reuterphoto.

Duke Pilots Plane

London, May 17. The Duke of Edinburgh, piloting a twin-engined Oxford training plane, today flew from Scotland to Cowdrey Park, Sussex, to play polo.

Accompanied by his flying instructor, Flight-Lieut. C. A. Gordon, the Duke took off from Edzell airfield, Angus, near Balmoral, Castle, where the Queen, the Duke and their two children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, are holidaying. — Reuter.

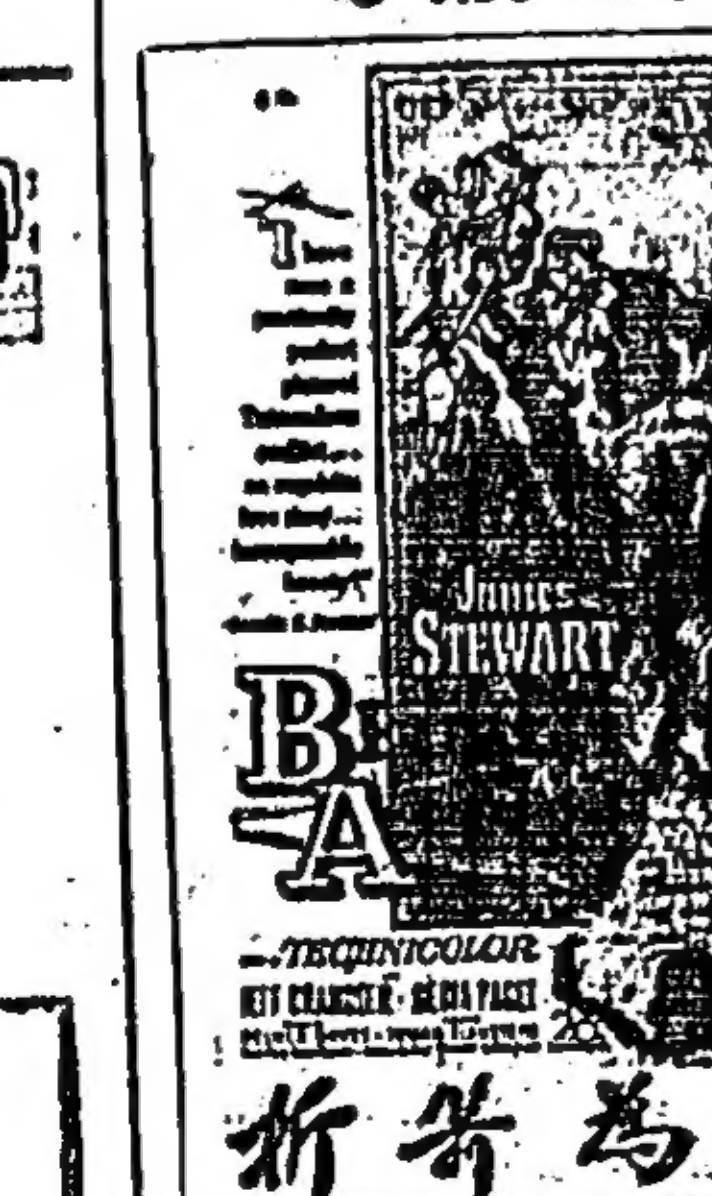
Martyrs To Be Remembered

Paris, May 17. The first stone of the "Tomb of the Unknown Jew" to be built by international subscription as a memorial to Jewish martyrs in the war, was laid here today by M. Pierre Cot, French Secretary of State for Public Health and Population.

The tomb, which will contain ashes from Nazi extermination camp furnaces, will stand near the Paris city hall on the right bank of the Seine, opposite the Isle of St Louis. — Reuter.

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Women MPs Keep In The Public Eye

London, May 17. Women politicians are today giving back to Parliament some of the colour it enjoyed in the time of Viscountess Astor, Virginia-born Conservative who quipped and laughed her way into the hearts of all parties.

The public rarely builds up women politicians into national characters. But it is being forced to pay increasing attention to the 19-12 Socialists and seven Conservatives—who sit in the present House of Commons.

There is, as yet, no post-war counterpart of Nancy Astor, first woman to take her seat in Parliament in 1919, and a member for 20 years when she retired in 1945.

But there are several women who in time may inherit her reputation. Three good-looking redheads are in this up-and-coming class. Youngest of the redheads is Miss Patricia Hornsby-Smith (aged 39), who entered Parliament as a Conservative in 1950.

Sir Winston Churchill, impressed by her fighting performance as an election candidate, made her a junior minister as soon as he was returned to power in 1951.

As Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health, she has won praise from her colleagues for her ready wit in handling awkward opposition questions and her aplomb in speaking from the Government front bench. She is one of only two women holding office in the Government.

BEVAN SUPPORTER
Self-confidence is the strong suit also of Miss Hornsby-Smith's political opponent Mrs Barbara Castle (aged 41), one of the chief supporters of Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Socialist left-wing leader.

Auburn-haired Barbara Castle is a member of the Labour Party National Executive Committee, and is already a parliamentary "old hand". For eight years this typical left-wing fighter has been making her presence felt in the House of Commons.

Third of the redhead triumvirate is Dr Edith Summerskill (aged 52), tall, willowy Socialist Minister in the late Labour government. She is a doctor of medicine, the wife of a doctor, and has two children.

Dr Summerskill supports the "right-wing" Socialist old guard headed by party leader Clement Attlee. She sometimes clashes with Mr Bevan.

MEN IMPRESSED
The men, who number 606, are impressed by the way the little band of women pulls its weight. But few of them could probably explain the habit of the public of picking out, some particular personality, regardless of political colour, on whom to bestow a special liking and interest.

This habit probably explains why Mrs Astor, who has as many friends among Socialists as among Conservatives. It possibly also explains the general and genuine affection given to 10-stone Mrs Bevan, the Liverpool representative whom Socialists prize as a champion of the British housewife.

More than any other woman Member of Parliament, Mrs Bevan, a smartly-tailored brunette of 53, is always in the news.

She has even achieved the distinction of a Coronation song about herself.

Two famous British comedians, the Western Brothers, who specialise in topical satire, are regaling music hall audiences with an opus speculating on her dress for the great day.

Mr Bevan, who once caused political uproar by describing the Conservatives as "vermin", receives reflected glory in this ditty, which has a couplet running something like this:

"All Aneurin Bevan's vermin will be dressed up in their ermine: But what is Bevan's Braddock going to wear?"

HAD TO APOLOGISE
It was because of a reference to Mrs Bevan, that Parliament's newest woman member, Mrs Patricia Ford (aged 32) came into the news within about a week of entering the House of Commons.

This slim and attractive brunette, a Conservative, said in a newspaper article that she found Mrs Bevan smiling in

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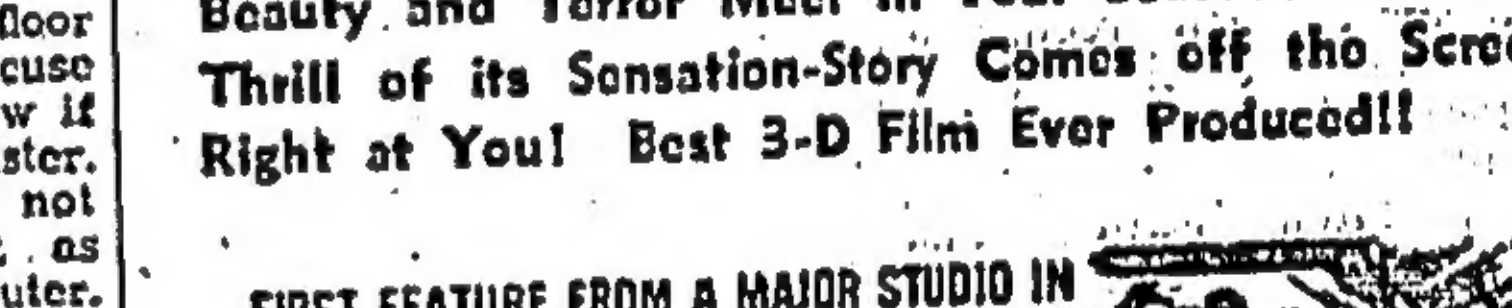


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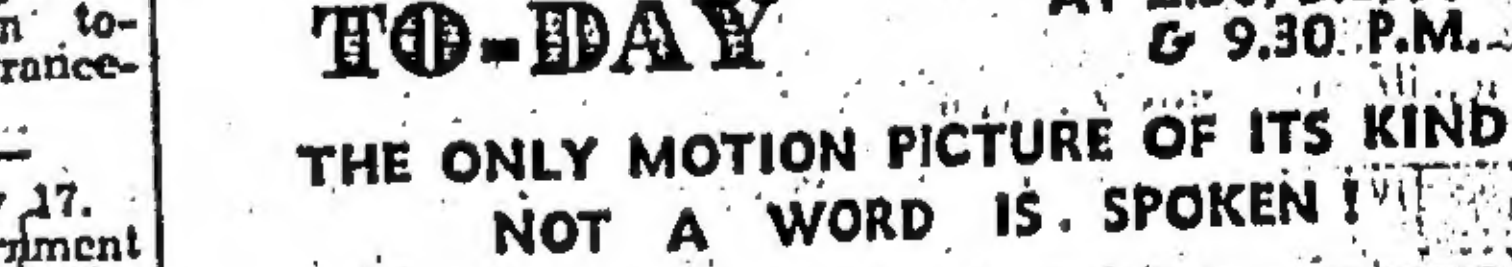
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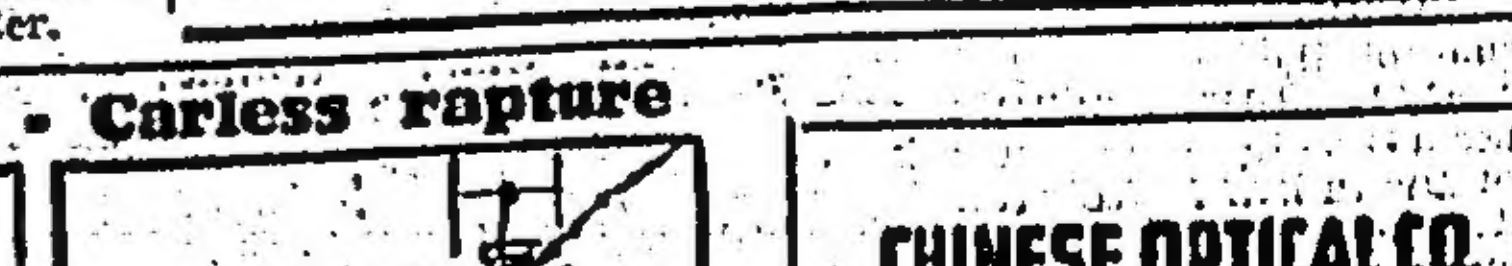
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L/Cpl R. G. T. Guess, of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, gets a kiss from his fiancée, Thelma Compton, on his arrival at Lymington R.A.F. station from Japan. He was one of the 22 British prisoners of war released by the Communists in Korea. — Central Press Photo.

"BIG TWO" MEETING PROPOSED

Britain, U.S. Must Reach Agreement

New York, May 17. — James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the New York Times, said today that Sir Winston Churchill might not last week have convinced Washington that the time had come for a Big-Three meeting, but that he had made a good case for a Big-Two meeting.

Referring to the "trans-Atlantic squabble" which had developed over British and American differences of approach to the Communist problem, Mr. Reston said nothing is more obvious than that the United States and Britain will never achieve peace with the Communists until they make peace with themselves.

The basic reason for the squabble was that the main antagonists of the cold war, the Soviet Union and United States, both had new governments and were reviewing their relations with the rest of the world.

Mr. Reston said that the economic background was a consideration in every British move.

The cost of defence had worried Britain at the start of the cold war, he said, and for that reason alone they would like to see a relaxation of tension with the Communists.

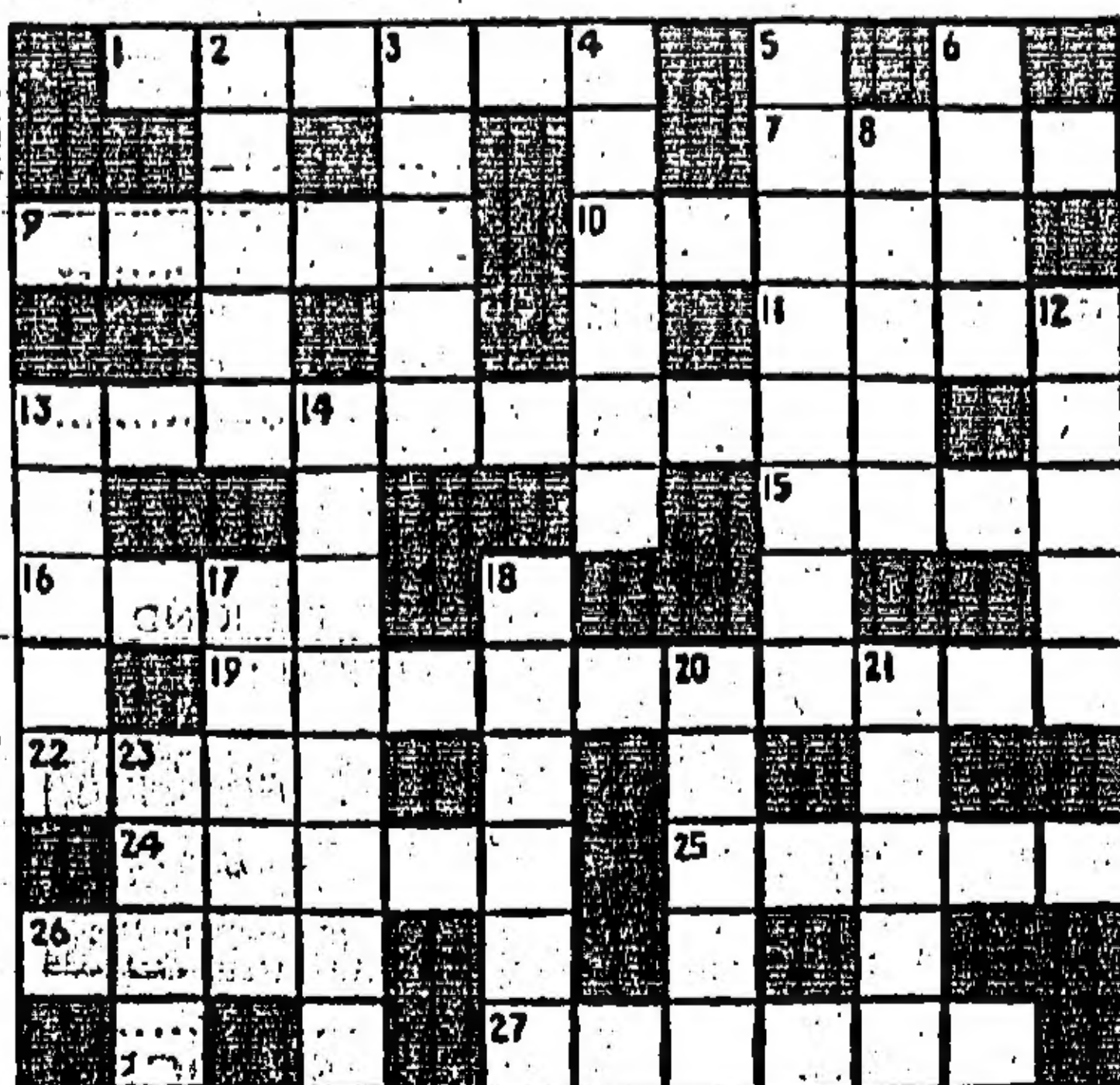
Mr. Reston said Sir Winston Churchill was "under great pressure" from his own party and from the opposition to end the Korean war. — Reuter.

New York, May 17. — The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Robert Menzies, and his wife and daughter arrived today on their way to the Coronation.

They arrived by train from Chicago and will leave for London by plane on Thursday.

Mr. Menzies will be the guest of honour at an Australian-American Association gathering on Wednesday. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Extreme dislike (6). | 2 Revise (5). |
| 7 Sometimes used with a hammer (4). | 3 Dance (5). |
| 9 Top of the milk (5). | 4 Medicine (6). |
| 10 Skeleton formation (5). | 5 Ratifies (8). |
| 11 Lubricates (4). | 6 Gervan canal (4). |
| 12 Ties (10). | 7 Crop up (5). |
| 13 Despatches (4). | 8 Material (5). |
| 14 Fatigue (4). | 9 Pierce (5). |
| 15 Vague idea (10). | 10 Ingredients (8). |
| 16 Tails (5). | 11 Compel (5). |
| 17 Tails (5). | 12 Gumbo (8). |
| 18 Humble (6). | 13 Multitude (5). |
| 19 Skin (4). | 14 Foolish (5). |
| 20 Euro (6). | 15 Assist (4). |

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Oppose, 4 Trifle, 7 Control, 8 Scrub, 10 Plum, 12 Precede, 15 Molar, 16 Stem, 17 Even, 19 Cover, 20 Dostler, 21 Scar, 22 Luxe, 24 Pistol, 25 Cease, 26 Eludes. Down—1 Occupied, 2 Presumes, 3 Sack, 5 Recedes, 6 Trudge, 9 Error, 11 Monsters, 12 Pacer, 13 Aches, 14 Emerald, 15 Volume, 22 Bill.

Coventry Union Objects To Akihito's Visit

London, May 17. — A resolution by the Coventry branch of the Transport and General Workers Union, expressing concern at the proposed visit to Coventry of Crown Prince Akihito of Japan and suggesting the invitation should be withdrawn has been sent to the Foreign Office, the Japanese Embassy in London and the Mayor of Coventry.

The Foreign Office has arranged for the Crown Prince to visit a car factory at Coventry on Wednesday, May 20.

The Union resolution was endorsed yesterday by the Coventry Trade Council, Communist-controlled council of the local trade union groups.

Coventry's Lord Mayor, Alderman B. Gardner, who today received the resolution, declined to comment on its contents.

But he indicated that he intended to carry on with arrangements for the visit as if no protest had been made. — Reuter.

STEVENSON ON SOVIET POLICY

"Change Of Tactics, Not Strategy"

Lahore, May 17. — Mr. Adlai Stevenson, defeated candidate in the last United States presidential election, told a "questioner" at a press conference today he thought there was no change in Soviet foreign policy.

Mr. Stevenson, who is on a world fact-finding tour, said: "There is only a change of tactics and not of strategy."

Asked whether he supported United States policy in South-east Asia, he said: "I see no reason why there should be any change."

Mr. Stevenson said that since 1946 the Communists had started wars in Malaya, Indo-China, Burma and Indonesia without any success.

"I don't think their achievements are much," he said.

Replying to another question the former Governor of Illinois said most of the encouragement for Asian Communists came from China—their "source of inspiration."

He arrived from Karachi today in Lahore—where martial law was lifted only recently—and will go on to Peshawar, on India's northwest frontier, tomorrow by air. — Reuter.

Bridges As Way To Unity?

Kehl, May 17. — Herr Reinhold Maier, Prime Minister of Württemberg-Baden, today called for more bridges across the River Rhine between Germany and France.

"The river will then cease to divide and will instead unite so strongly that Germany and France will be the kernel of a future free United Europe," he said.

Herr Maier was speaking at the ceremonial handing back to Germany today of this harbour across the Rhine from Strasbourg after eight years of French occupation.

Before the war Kehl was an important main unloading point at the head of the navigable Rhine for goods to Switzerland.

But after the war it lost its standing when the Rhine was dredged as far as Biele.

This is the fifth time the town has changed hands—between France and Germany in its 270-year history. — Reuter.

Campaigning For Votes



The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, addressed a vast crowd in the San Carlo Square, Turin, during his pre-election campaign. — Express.

Novel Souvenirs Of Coronation On Sale In London

London, May 17. — Coronation souvenirs now on sale in the London shops represent various degrees of art and ingenuity.

But among a welter of unremarkable things in which the loyalty of the intention is more evident than the artistic deed, there are some which do real honour to British craftsmanship and taste.

Among the latter are two women's brooches which can be seen in the shop of one of the leading West End jewellers.

One represents a stylised gold policeman walking along a plumed river with a gold London Bridge looming behind him. The whole thing is hardly more than one inch high and perhaps one and a half long.

The wearer, by pressing a catch, causes the watch to swing open to reveal a tiny square watch fixed at the back of it in such a way that she can see the time by merely looking down.

The other brooch has a "Beefeater" standing in front of the Tower of London, also in platinum and gold. In this case the front of the Tower opens out to reveal the watch.

Both these valuable pieces are exquisitely made and set with tiny precious stones, the policeman wearing a belt of sapphires and the "Beefeater" rubies on his cap and shoes.

At the same shop are some cuff-links made of four incredibly fine miniatures—worthy of the best 18th Century miniaturists—showing the Crown, Buckingham Palace, seen from the Mall, the Coronation Chair and Westminster Abbey.

Other cuff-links of unexceptionable taste are made of finely chiselled gold crowns set in agate.

Among attractive silver objects to be seen in many shops are a plain tankard with the words "Here is a health unto Her Majesty" engraved on it and a mug with a stylised version of the Coronation procession engraved along the brim.

Candlesticks with the Royal cipher and ashtrays embossed with Tudor roses are both dignified and pleasing.

A leading Bond Street shop shows an original pepper-mill with a silver top in the shape of a crown.

WEDGWOOD CHINA

Elsewhere there are many lovely crystal goblets and mugs engraved with Royal emblems and tea services of powder-blue Wedgwood china which have a white cameo-portrait of the Queen applied on the teapot.

A white china crown filled with flowers makes a very effective table decoration.

Any of these things will give permanent pleasure in any home and record not unworthily English taste in the dawn of the new Elizabethan era.

"The clothing trade, too, has not lacked original ideas. Among

many headscarves bearing various emblems, views of London and guardsmen in bearskins are silk scarves printed with pure gold-leaf according to a new process evolved by a British textile firm. Since the metal is pure gold, it will not tarnish as gilt thread does.

A fashionable shirtmaker displays silk ties with a pattern of the "E.R." woven into the material for men-about-town who want to display their loyalty. There are fine linen handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered crowns in the corner and a dark red man's dressing gown with a white British lion embroidered on the breast-pocket.

A whole window of a linen shop shows only white children's dresses decorated with slithers of red and blue.

PRAYER BOOKS

Effigies of the Queen and her consort abound, of course, in all forms and some of them are to be deplored. But there is a likeness of the Queen drawn in sepia or white oval medallions made of Royal Worcester china which is particularly delightful.

Among the more novel souvenirs are small "Coronation bells" about two inches high said to contain metal from some of the great English bells cast before or during the reign of Elizabeth I and a trinket to be worn on a bracelet which is a tiny gold book that opens to reveal a folded ribbon of portraits of kings and queens of England.

More pedestrian souvenirs range from mugs to powder compacts and from combs to key cases. For children there are plenty of colourful things such as balls, dolls, balloons, money-boxes and tiny models of the Coronation procession. There are even baby-harnesses decorated with a medallion of the Queen's head.

Specially for visitors from abroad are leather-bound Coronation note-books and leather cigarette cases to fit American pockets.

Prayer books and Bibles have been specially bound in blue or red with the Royal cipher or the Royal coat-of-arms on the cover. Cyclists can buy for their machines scarlet penails bearing the Royal cipher and the name Elizabeth. The list of uses to which the Coronation theme has been put is, in fact, unending.

Manufacturers have, indeed, catered for all tastes and purses. — Reuter.

Events In Dutch Guinea Quick Reaction In Australia

Sydney, May 17. — The Australian press expressed concern today with events in Dutch New Guinea and declared Australia's interest in the area as a vital link in her northern defences.

The Sydney Sunday newspaper, Truth, said: "The impudent Indonesian landings in Dutch New Guinea emphasise the vulnerability of the territory and the New Guinea area under Australian control. They also underline the ever present danger of the whole of northern Australia from hordes of resurgent Asiatics at our front door. Those with knowledge of the territory have no doubt that secret landings in remote points are going on continuously."

"The warning to the Commonwealth Government is clear."

In Melbourne, the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, said he had been advised that the Dutch Embassy in Canberra has not received any official information about the fighting and he expressed the belief that there is some doubt about what has happened.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph said, "Australia has always reacted strongly to any potential change in the status quo of New Guinea as an island unit. This is realistic. Politically, the islands are a vital part of our northern defence system. We want to see Dutch New Guinea remain in Dutch hands, instead of becoming part of a nationalist regime which has not established a stable government in spite of the present territory and which proclaimed neutrality in the world struggle between Democracy and Communism."

"We don't want any infiltration of Australia New Guinea, but we might get it if the Dutch no longer control across the border." — United Press.

NOT ANXIOUS

The Hague, May 17. — Political circles see no reason for immediate anxiety about Indonesian military infiltrations in Dutch New Guinea.

These circles said reports from the controversial remnant of Holland's once vast colonial empire indicated that the infiltration action—repeated on May 11—was a small-scale operation probably ordered to divert public attention to Indonesia from the troubles of the Djakarta government which has been under pressure since October 17 last year. — United Press.

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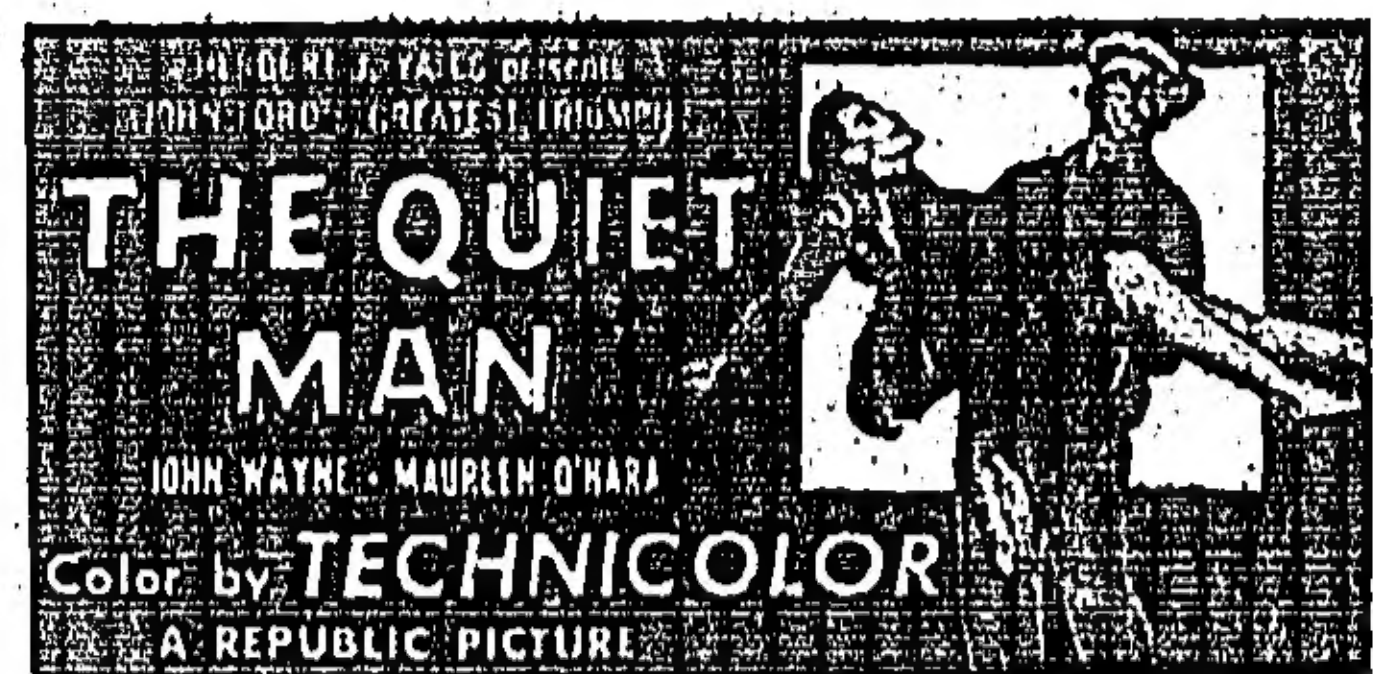
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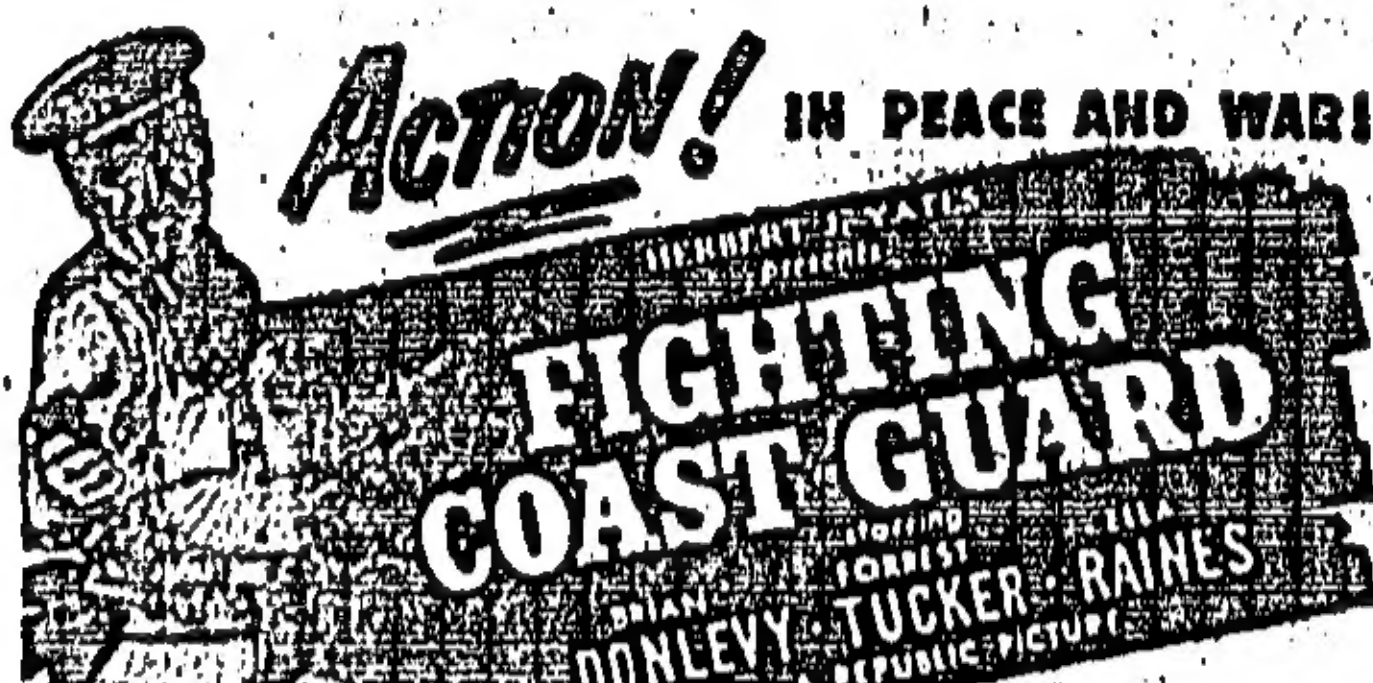
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WIDE SCOPE FOR AMNESTY IN THE SOVIET UNION

By ELISABETH HUNKIN

IF the Soviet amnesty decree, announced on March 28, 1953, is carried out faithfully, countless people will be released from prisons and labour camps. There are thousands serving sentences of five years or less for crimes which "represent no great danger to the State", for, under the harsh Soviet Penal Code, minor crimes punishable with short terms of imprisonment or forced labour are legion. They are not limited to accepted criminal offences—forgery, speculation, robbery and the like—but include many offences for which deprivation of liberty seems a peculiarly severe penalty.

In the first place there are the violators of labour discipline. These include industrial workers and State employees who have left their jobs on their own initiative, without permission. This, in the Soviet Union, is a "crime."

Forced Labour

UNDER the same head come the transport workers sent to labour camps for violating traffic regulations or for shipboard repairs to rolling stock. According to Article 59 of the Penal Code, a railwayman who is responsible for accidents or delays, albeit without malicious intent, may lose his liberty for anything up to 10 years.

Not very long ago a stationmaster in Georgia was sentenced to three years' forced labour for delaying the despatch of 22 trucks. In Karelo-Finland a foreman in a paper depot was sentenced to a year's hard labour because lack of workmen had delayed unloading.

And, talking of transport regulations, there is a law

that anyone who, "without due cause," pulls the communication cord to stop a train is liable to imprisonment from one to three years, unless, of course, it has been done with "counter-revolutionary intent," in which case it would receive much more severe punishment.

Inefficiency of various kinds is punishable with imprisonment. Directors of State and public institutions who are careless and unbusinesslike may be imprisoned for two years or sent to corrective labour for a year. Responsible officials in industrial enterprises which produce goods below the set norm run the risk of five, six, seven or eight years in gaol.

Bribe-takers

THE Soviet apologist would say that a question of principle is involved: the interests of the State must come before everything else. That is no doubt the reason why petty theft, on however small a scale, if it is committed in an industrial enterprise or a State institution, is punishable by a year's imprisonment, unless, of course, it is subject to a more serious sentence.

Then there are those who have "abused their official position." These include takers of bribes, although to judge by complaints in the Soviet press many more have gone unpunished, for corruption is rife at all levels of Soviet society. Nevertheless, according to the letter of the law, those convicted of receiving bribes for any purpose may be sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Those who proffer bribes face even worse: they are liable to imprisonment for as long as five years.

Others said to abuse their official position are the so-called rotters, the glib people who, out of kindness or laziness or personal interest, fail to put a stop to malpractices around them.

Such was an accountant at a lumber base in the Archangel area who was sentenced in December 1952 to a year's

corrective labour for turning a blind eye to the many cases of embezzlement in his department. Such were the four heads of departments and industrial undertakings in Georgia sentenced in June 1952 to a year apiece for "carelessness in safeguarding Socialist property."

Nor are such officials the only people liable to suffer for the crimes of others. According to Soviet law, all adult members of the family of a Soviet Serviceman who escapes to the West, if they lived with him or were supported by him at the time of his disappearance, are deprived of electoral rights and exiled to distant parts of Siberia for five years.

Another group of prisoners affected by the amnesty are the members of national guard units who have committed certain offences connected with "liberal customs." These "crimes" include the bartering of a bride for money or cattle, a practice customary among Moslems. Such an offence in the Moslem territories of the Soviet Union incurs a prison term of a year for both parties to the transaction.

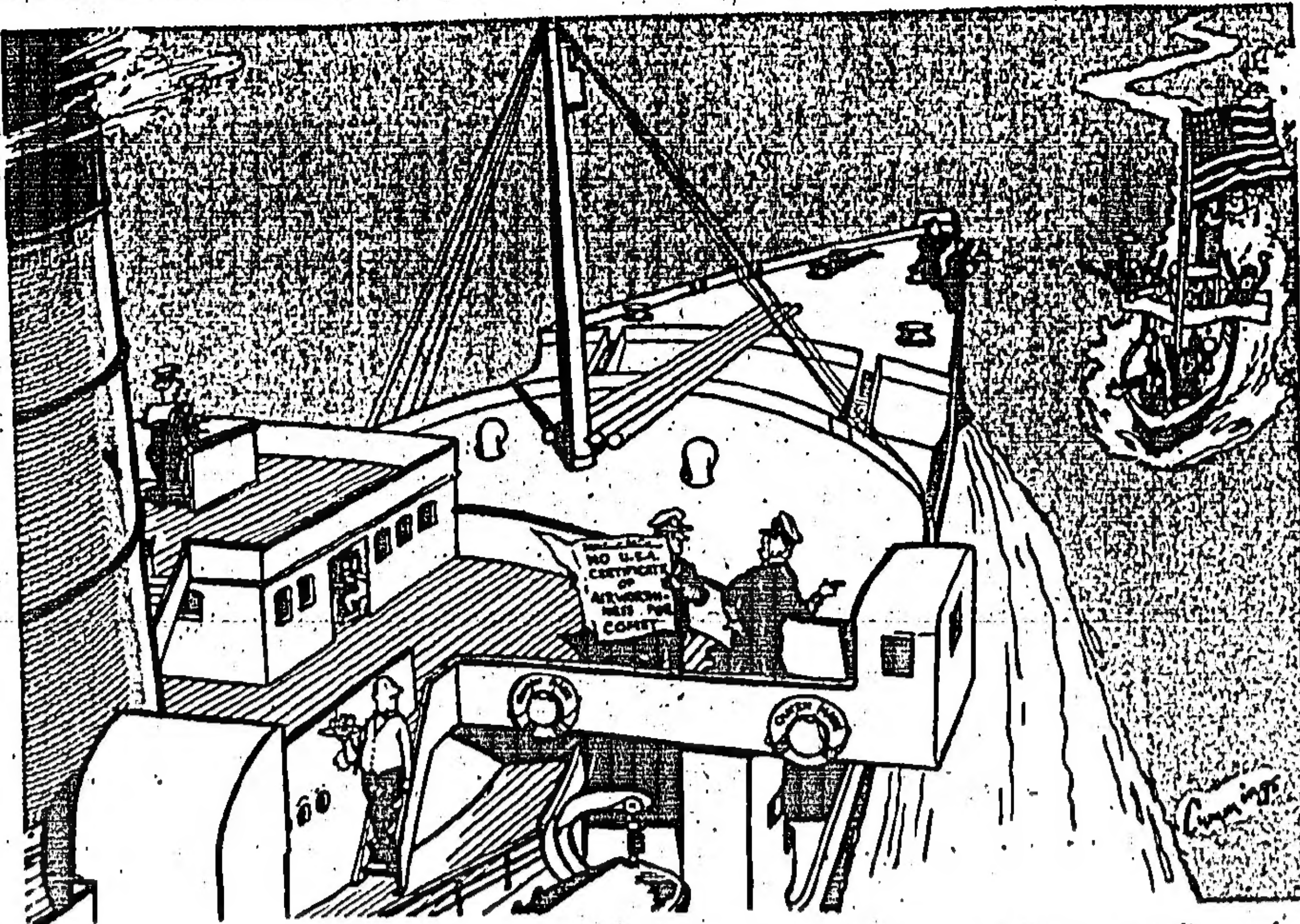
Those who use influence based on tribal relationships to raise funds for religious or social purposes also risk being sent to corrective labour.

Minor Crimes

CERTAIN other minor crimes which may result in prison sentences are peculiar to Communist regimes. One of them is failure to register with the police on arriving in a new district. For persons convicted several times of omitting to obey this regulation the punishment is two years' imprisonment.

Again, a person who introduces a religious picture of any kind into a State institution or industrial enterprise may be sent to prison for three months.

The amnesty decree provides for revision of the Soviet Penal Code. Criminal liability for certain minor offences is to be replaced by "measures of an administrative and disciplinary nature." Time will show whether the reform will really mitigate the lot of the Soviet citizen who, perhaps through no real fault of his own, has been guilty of a minor infringement of the law.



"Here it comes! I expected it—'Not allowed in New York Harbour, can't give a certificate of seaworthiness to the Queen Mary'..."

London Express Service

A FLYING BUNGALOW IS NEXT

From Newell Rogers

PUT the car in the garage and fly away in the bungalow for the week-end. Quite practical, says Igor Sikorsky, father of the hoverplane. All you need is a hoverplane on the roof. "Flying cottages," he says, "will be the next development in air travel. Today it is possible to build an amphibious hoverplane with a body large enough to contain living and sleeping quarters, and a kitchenette. Our company is now producing armed service copters roomy enough for such quarters. They will be underneath the pilot's cabin. The balcony will be permanent or retractable. Sikorsky takes another peep into what he believes to be the near future. "You will lounge comfortably on the balcony of your own flying home as you drift over strange and beautiful countryside."

BASS violinist Christopher Balestrera, charged with two insurance office hold-ups, stood in the Astoria, Oregon, police station and heard Charlie Daniell confess to the crimes. They look as alike as identical twins. They had never laid eyes on each other before. Balestrera plays in a night-club band. When he walked into the insurance office to see about a policy, four clerks identified him as the gunman who held up their office in July and again in December.

His wife had a nervous breakdown.

Last week he went on trial. The judge declared a mistrial when two jurors commented audibly on the case.

Then a constable arrested Daniell for loitering. To their amazement he confessed to 40 robberies, including the insurance office stick-ups.

Said Balestrera to Daniell: "You don't know what you did to my wife." Daniell said nothing.

JOE PICERNO, day-dreaming in a Korean war prison camp, named the two things he wanted most, "a home of my own and a racoono."

Now Joe is on his way back, and Mrs. Florence Caracci, widow of a Navy man, will let him buy her home. He will not have to take a down-payment for three years, and she is leaving him some of her furniture.

And William Cane, president of the Yonkers Raceway Association, has given Joe a trotting horse, called Sir Joseph.

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, a court fined producer Edward Gould 100 dollars (\$25) for staging "an indecent play," "Tobacco Road."

It ran on Broadway for seven years, and has been running in London after a 12-year ban by the Lord Chamberlain.

A WOMAN burglar hotly stole John Luzzo's radio in Baltimore, Maryland, but ran up a \$7-dollar (\$24.12) bill on his telephone. She talked for four dollars (\$1.84) a minute by radiophone to A.C.I. in Paris.

IN the multiple shops that cater for tall girls, customers the counters, mirrors, and racks are extra high. No assistant can be under 5ft. 10 ins. Proprietors are 6ft. 6 in. Jerry Wolfmann, and his 6ft. wife Joan.

KEY TO PERON'S POLICE DRIVE

By John Mays

Buenos Aires. THE cafe crowds up and down the noisy avenues are tense but talkative. There is tension too in back-street bars and in the palatial mansions of cattle millionaires. Everyone is wondering what will happen next in Peron's war of nerves.

Plenty is going on now as Peron's police build up their "evidence" for the existence of a "vast terrorist organisation plotting against the Government."

House-to-house searches, mainly in the wealthier districts, add daily to reports of secret arsenals. Arrests of alleged conspirators now run to hundreds.

The story has a familiar ring. Once again Argentina's strong man has diverted attention from the gathering economic storm now rocking his policies by launching a witch hunt against his old scapegoats, the oligarchy at home and international capitalism abroad.

Among those held for complicity in the bomb explosions which touched off this war of nerves are politicians who have never hidden either their dislike of Peron or their hatred of anarchy. The bombs themselves, claim Peron's spokesmen, were supplied by United States agents.

Explosions

WHO planted the bombs? In his May Day speeches the wrathful President ridiculed the idea that, as an Argentine variant of Goering's Reichstag Fire, they were calculated to rally the working class against his arch-enemies, the landowner politicians, of whom scores are now in prison.

Certainly that explanation is not so plausible as it was. The first explosion in mid-April blasted an empty underground station; the Plaza de Mayo overhead was densely packed by a workers' rally but well out of range. But two of the May Day bombs exploded too close for official comfort—one 100 yards from Peron's town house, the other 600 yards from the Congress building where he had just begun to speak.

If the Reichstag Fire theory can be ruled out, it is not so easy to dismiss the possibility of disaffection in Peron's own ranks.

The question is whether, as Peron declares, the political opposition is seeking to make

trouble of whether his Peronistas are firing of him.

Peron climbed to power on the shoulders of the workers and the army. Those two forces made him and could break him. Unrest in either could do far more to unseat him than any move by the opposition, which has only a handful of seats in Congress, and many of whose leaders have been hounded into prison and exile.

Fallen Idols

ARE the workers still with him? In his May Day harangue to 100,000 supporters, Peron declared that he had no reason to fear a crisis since the entire people was more and more identified with the Peronista movement. Nevertheless, there have lately been several signs that there are differences of opinion within the movement.

A few days ago one of the pillars of Peron's regime, Domingo Mercante, was formally expelled from the Peronista party. Yet, eight years ago, Mercante did more than any other single man to bring Peron to the Presidency. He was close friend of Eva Peron and ranked after the President and his wife in the early days of the regime as the most important figure in the country. Now he has been thrown out for disloyalty, accused of "sowing confusion and alarm."

Another key figure of the regime's earlier days has fallen from grace. He is Jose Espojo, protégé of Eva Peron. She placed him at the head of the General Confederation of Labour, the mass trade union which has become the cornerstone of Peron's power.

Esposito was dismissed some months ago. He had a powerful hold on the workers, and his removal may well have weakened Peronista loyalties in this immense stronghold of Argentine labour.

Whatever the significance of these changes, economic trends have not been calculated to cement the workers' affection for Peron.

Changed Times

SEVEN years ago, when he stepped into the Presidency, he could give them what they asked for: higher wages, shorter hours, better social conditions. He bought their support by giving them these things.

But times have changed. Instead of plenty there is scarcity. Three years of drought on the pampas made it harder to feed the greatest meat-eating nation in the world. The workers of Buenos Aires have come to know grey bread and one meatless day a week.

This was not purely of even chiefly the result of drought. Peron's policies played havoc with farm output. He paid low prices to the farmers and charged foreign buyers all he could get. His bureaucratic machine swallowed the differ-

ence, and the farmers naturally objected.

Wages continued to rise under Peron's plans for "social justice." But so did the farmers' costs. Beef production declined, and meat for domestic consumption began to find its way into the grey market, making a mockery of official price ceilings.

Inevitably, inflation set in. Argentine workers in town and country earned more and more; their wages bought less and less. Peron staged an austerity campaign, but the Argentinians have never taken kindly to tightening their belts. So the inflationary spiral continued.

This was the situation which brought Eva Peron to the peak of her popularity among the so-called "shirtless ones." Drawing on the vast funds wrung by the Government from farmers and business men, she doled out gifts in money and kind through the Eva Peron Foundation. "The shirtless ones," expressed by her largesse, came to regard her as a saint.

Restlessness

BUT when Eva Peron died nine months ago, the trade unions were already growing restless. In Peron's earliest days as President, strikes for higher wages and shorter hours had enjoyed his full backing. Now there was less scope for concessions. More than once he sent strikers back to work with their claims unsatisfied.

And since his wife's death the workers' claims have had shorter

The Army

BUT the country's dislocated economy cannot be put to rights simply by imprisoning shopkeepers. Even Peron's drive against notorious corruption in Government circles cannot put Argentine farmers on their feet again.

Peron is a shrewd judge of mass psychology. But however loudly his working-class followers clamour for more of his "social justice," the economic situation remains to be faced. Unless it improves Peron may find himself in trouble with the army.

It was the army which backed him when he wooed and won the workers seven years ago. In the present ferment it has not yet shown its hand. But it is not likely to remain in the background much longer if Peron is in fact losing the wholehearted allegiance of the workers.

Is he losing their support? That is the real question posed by the recent bomb bursts in Buenos Aires. They are only the froth on the Argentine ferment, but it is a powerful brew—much too powerful to be explained away in May Day harangues and political arrests.

Will Egypt Grab The Suez?

From LEWIS JAMES

ONE of Naguib's young officers smilingly taunted me, "You are afraid we will grab the Canal Zone like Mossadegh grabbed the oil at Abadan. That we will nationalise it if you leave it."

It is a comment worth remembering as Cairo prepares this week for a resumption of talks on Middle East defence in general and Britain's Canal Zone bases in particular.

"You British are much more worried about your shipping and your commerce than you are about what you call Middle East Defence," said the young officer.

"But," he added, still smiling, "you needn't be. We can afford to wait until the concession expires in 1958. Any way, it will take us all that time to get ready to run the canal on our own—when our canal is returned to us."

dependency among shipping people of most nationalities. Or the fact that they are still discreetly hoping that some British troops will still be around in 1958 to do any necessary dirty work (as usual) if the United Nations, or some such organisation, attempts to persuade the Egyptians into accepting a prolongation of international control of the waterway.

Naguib's back-room boy, Dr Mustafa Helwanli, has described the Suez Canal Company as a closed casket which must be prised open.

But it is more like a goldmine than a casket... it's a bottomless treasure purse.

In the first six months of this year around 7,000 ships will pass through the canal, each paying tolls at the rate of eight shillings a ton—plus another eight shillings for every passenger.

Although the Canal cost only £20,000,000 to cut, today's estimated value of the concession is around £100,000,000. Shares originally sold for £10.5 shilling are now worth over £68.

The Canal Company's revenues last month were more than £2,400,000, bringing the total for the first quarter of this year to nearly £6,000,000.

Naguib's back-room boys are as well aware of all the hopes and fears that go with the prospect of future Egyptian control of the Canal as the British Government.

Britain would get a bit more international support in her dealings with Naguib if she came out into the open. Admittedly, she, too, doesn't want the prospect of future Egyptian control of the Suez. Entirely, a pleasing one.

If the Egyptians feel they are being hard done by, they have only themselves to blame. For they have already given Western shipping companies a taste of what all-Egyptian control would mean.

Anyway, the Egyptians have always disliked almost everything and nearly anybody connected with the Canal because of the circumstances (humiliating to them) in which "alien" control developed.

Are the Egyptians likely to attempt to run this show on their own after 1958? Obviously they are. Naguib has already declared the Canal "Egyptian" according to our legal rights—and Dr Mustafa Helwanli is already recruiting for an Egyptian Government department charged with preparing itself for taking over the Canal when the Suez is to Egypt.

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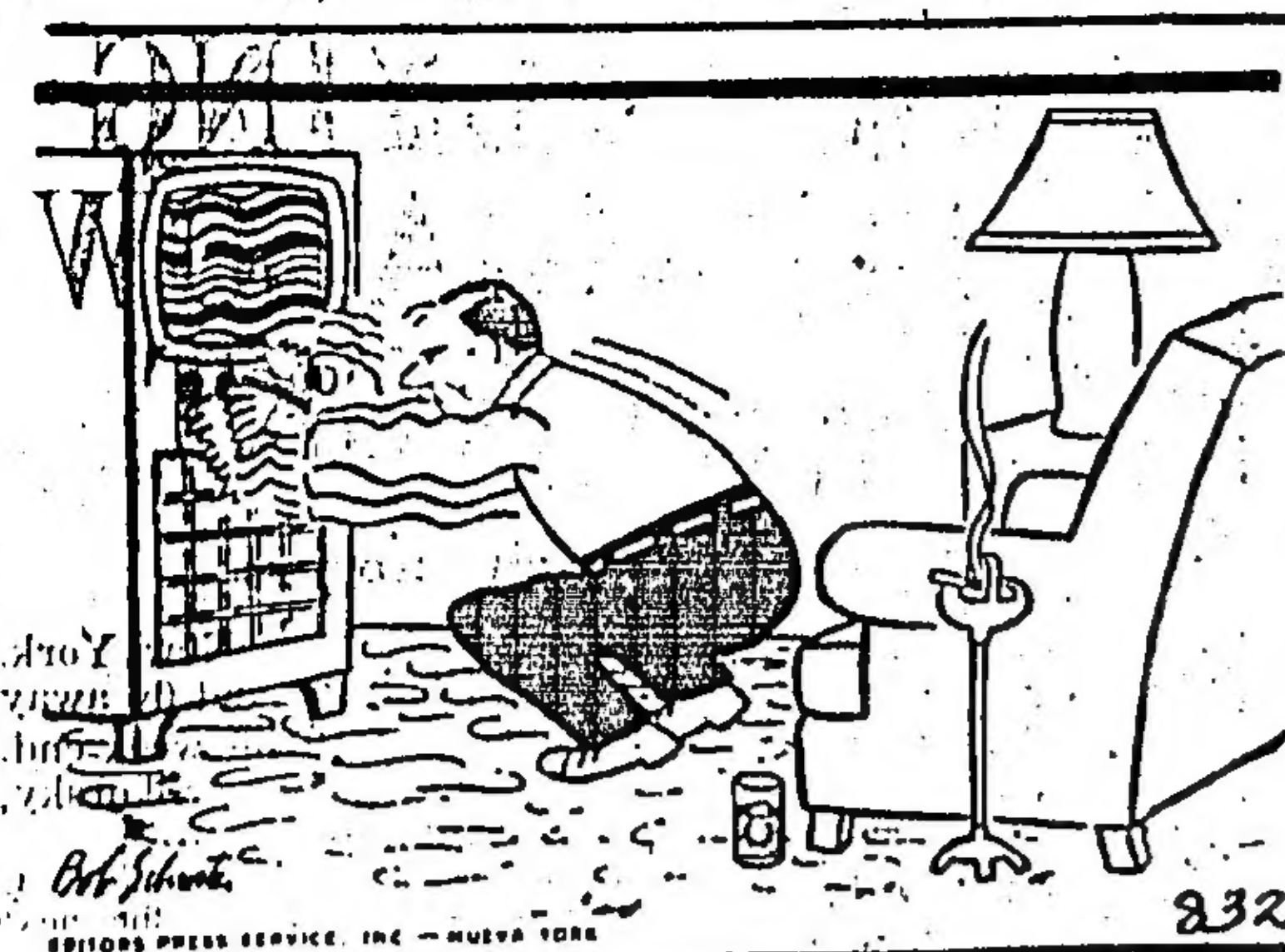
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Kindness to fish

A PROFESSOR has said that fish respond to kindness. That idea is probably the origin of the saying: "Kindness to the fish makes them eat." My fellow-fish Timothy Sly once told the story of an aquarium-keeper who said to a tourist who had run amok, "Tread softly, because you tread on my dreams." But Marcel Wynnecken in his autobiography says that he was once attacked savagely by a large salmon which he had tried to help over a weir. Of course, he was discriminated. The man who smiles at a shark and tries to stroke it, merrily, "Diddums, then," is asking for a bruise. As the laque proverb says: "He who tries to mollify a shark will have a long swim home."

Erratum

ON page 263 of the new edition of the "List of Huntingdonshire Cabinet" the Glover, R. S., is not the Glover, R. S., of Brewery-walk, Shotton, who is an ironmonger.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 18

BORN today you have an adventurous spirit, and you are willing to take long chances to win your objective. The stars given to you, however, are not so favorable. You have a definite talent for handling people. There is a wide pleasure in your nature which makes it rather difficult for you to stick to any one job very long. You are the restless, unmanageable child. You need to cultivate patience.

Fond of the pleasures of this world, you are too much inclined to neglect the intellectual and cultural side of life. You have a good mind. The only trouble is you do not use it enough. You let your charm get you places instead of working hard. Your intentions are keen, and if you follow the dictates of the inner voice you will rarely err in judgment.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be very careful if you are working in unfamiliar surroundings with new tools. There can be serious injury. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your own ideas on a subject are apt to be best. It is given, listen, but do not believe your own way. CANCER (June 22-July 22)—This could prove a pleasant social evening with friends. Accept a dinner invitation, if offered. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Invite friends to your home or pay calls this evening. A fine time to be neighborly. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Conservative action is the best for you just now. The wrong word, said the wrong time, can prove harmful.

DUMB BELLS

OF COURSE WE KEEP OUR COWS IN PASTURE, MADAM! IM SO GLAD TO BE TOLD PASTURIZED MILK IS BEST.

BARBS

WHY HAL COCHRAN is choosing young men for positions, business men do not always believe in science.

After trying some of the steps in modern dancing, count your own. You should have two of them. A doctor says people may be shorter in 100 years. That must mean completely broke. A woman who wears a fashionable evening gown in white in May, but may be very much out of luck. Some dumb waiters are pulled up by a rope—others are lucky not to be.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Here's How Champ Won Tournery Hand

BY OSWALD JACOBY

THE hand shown today was one of the most interesting in the world championship between the European and the American champions. B. Jay Becker scored a game for the American team in the "open" room, while one of the Swedish players failed to make three nortrup in the "closed" room.

Becker took the first trick with the ace of clubs and finished the nine of hearts to East's ten. East returned the three of spades, and declarer won with the king. He next cashed the ace of hearts and gave up a trick to East's king.

When East now returned the jack of spades, Becker carefully held off. He took the next spade trick with the ace, entered dummy with the king of clubs and ran the rest of dummy's hearts. He could then lead a diamond from the dummy, and East could not prevent declarer from making the ninth trick with the king of diamonds.

In the other room the South player never bid spades, and West's opening lead was a low spade. Declarer won, and duck-

NORTH 17	
♠ 10	
♥ A Q 8 6 4	
♦ 5 3	
♣ K 3 2	
WEST	
♠ Q 7 5 2	
♥ 2	
♦ J 7 6 4	
♣ A	
EAST (D)	
♠ J 4 3	
♥ K 10	
♦ A Q 8 6 4	
♣ Q	
SOUTH	
♠ A K 8 6	
♥ 7 3	
♦ K 10 7 2	
♣ A 10 8	

North-South vul.
East 1 ♠ South 2 ♠ West 2 ♠
Pass 2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T.
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♠ 8

ed a low heart around to East. When East then returned a spade, South had to play low.

West won a spade trick and promptly shifted to the jack of diamonds. This forced out declarer's king of diamonds and established two diamond tricks for East. When East got in again with a second heart trick he cashed his two diamond tricks to defeat the contract.

RECARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 Heart Pass
1 Spade Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades 9-6-2, Hearts K-Q-J-7-5, Diamonds A-Q-8, Clubs 9-3. What do you do?

A—Pass. You have a doubtful opening bid. Since you have only 12 points in high cards and 1 point for the doubleton. There cannot be any hope for game since North could neither open the bidding nor make a jump bid of some kind at his second hand. Hence you pass in the first convenient part-score contract.

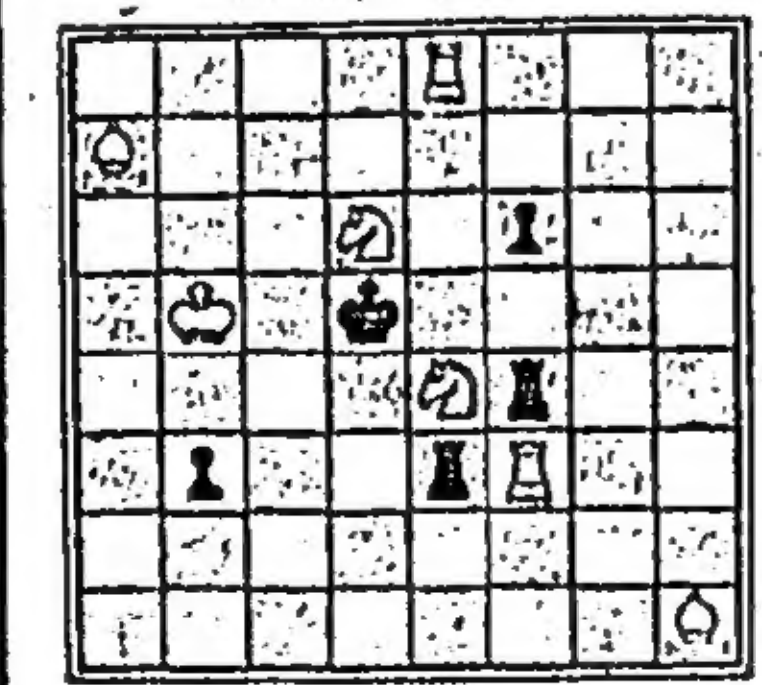
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold: Spades 9-3, Hearts K-Q-7-5, Diamonds A-Q-8, Clubs Q-J-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. LEVIER
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. R-R1, any; 2. R or Kt (dis ch) mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

RITA T. DELMOSS
Re-arrange the letters to spell her population.
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

SUMMER RUSTLE



By VERA WINSTON

THE rustle of silk taffeta still makes itself heard in the summer fashion symphony, accepted as a constant and endearing member of the wardrobe. Young and gay is this paper-thin version in black with a white polka dot print. A cape collar lends softness to the moulded bodice, and there are crescent-shaped upward curved pockets on the full skirt with gathers in the centre, fore and aft.

Household Hint

The composition tops of metal furniture are best cleaned by rubbing with a rag dampened in alcohol. Then go over with a dry cloth. A wax polish applied once a month will protect the surface and give a nice finish. For a high gloss on chrome finish, use a mixture of alcohol and whiting.

WEST END lookout

- ★ CLOTHES are prettier, and food is better
- ★ THE CUSTOMER is still too often wrong
- ★ BEAUTY all round—if you look the right way

COME to the West End with the Anne Edwards Bureau—and find out what sort of treatment the British get every day—and the visitors will get when they get to London next month.

Far and wide roamed the bureau girls on a Day's shopping, on an Evening out, on a Trip Around Town, and on a View Finding Tour of the London that is not in the guide books.

The gist of their reports is this:—

CLOTHES in the shops are both cheaper and prettier than last year, but the way they sell them too often puts you off.

FOOD in the shops is both good and gay, but too many restaurants still ruin it. IF you have money to burn you will probably do better in Paris or New York. But London has charms that cannot be equalled in any other city of the world.

GIRL on a day's shopping reported: Summer dresses and accessories are more elegant and cheaper this year, because English designers are now so good that buyers do not have to rely on imported fashions.

FOR EXAMPLE: Cotton frocks in a new silky "Sea Island" cotton are £1 cheaper on average. Among accessories that are half the price they were last summer are cotton and nylon blouses, dupion dresses, coats, cotton housecoats, permanently pleated nylon skirts, quilted skirts.

SOMETHING NEW

New in the windows since last summer are straw skirts, belts and bags, reversible poplin skirts, umbrellas, sandals.



A pretty girl pauses to look in her pocket glass . . . Is spotted by the Anne Edwards Bureau and noted as one of the charms of a city's passing scene.

Anne Edwards

tions to stiffen as well as clean. It came back three weeks later, a limp rag—unsalvageable. The cleaners refused to do anything about it in time. It was rushed off to another cleaners, who reclaimed, restiffened, and delivered it within a day.

THE CASE of the Peppermint Creams in a "sweetshop": "We haven't got any for sale," said the girl behind the counter. "We can't take the one out of the window, it would spoil the display."

THE CASE of the Broken Dish. Five were ordered in a provincial town. One arrived smashed and was chipped. BUT: "I am satisfied," said the manager. "That they were adequately

With thanks

The wise girls report gratefully that they met FEIVER of the taxmen who look at your liverpenny lip and say: "Why don't you have a bust?" FEIVER of the train stewards who bring you cold milk twice when you ask for hot.

packed. You will have to refer the matter to the GPO."

And there are still too many discouraging "made" firms who ought to know better. . . .

SOMETHING WRONG

LIKE the Melting Buttons on a button-through washing dress. They all fell off in the wash because, said the laundry, they were made of composition that softened in hot water. The manufacturers replaced them at once, but—with the same again.

GIRL on the Track of Good Food reported: Shop windows filled with better food, better packed, better displayed. Noted and remembered: Biscuits in different-sized tins instead of paper bags, sets of six little jars of honey, from six different countries, stillons in stone pots, liqueur chocolates in miniature wooden crates, fresh cream, the first Creme Fontainebleau, triple cream cheeses, and baby peas in a tin.

SOMETHING DEAR

So it is a blot on the food front that too many restaurants do not serve the new food available—you cannot get the juice of fresh oranges to drink or fresh cream without extra charge. And too many charge high for what they serve.

GIRL With Money To Burn reported: "I went with an escort to a night spot, with a smart reputation. We arrived at 10.30 and only one of us wanted to dine; the other ordered caviar and strawberries. We had a couple of aperitifs each, a bottle of champagne, and a brandy. The bill came out like this: Two dinners, £3 8s. 6d. Caviar, £1 10s. Champagne, £3 15s. Four aperitifs 18s. Two brandies, 13s. Two coffees, 3s. 20 cigarettes, 4s. 6d. Tip, 30s. Total, £12 2s. Too much, I consider, for not very brilliant food, dancing, and cabaret."

BUT the GIRL who Travelled Around—discovered—the real charms of London. The charm of such absorbing cheerfulness among the people who do the dirty work—canteen girls and cleaners, porters and bus conductors, milkmen and liftmen.

Above all the charm of the London sights you never see on any official tour. . . .

A troop of cavalry gleaming silver and scarlet riding along in Hyde Park beneath a canopy of green buds. Yellow swans of daffodils on the grass where everybody could pick them and nobody does. . . . grey aprons in a sky of Dior roses. . . . long streams of lamplight reflected from the wet roads on a murky night. . . . squares left to grow grass in the heart of the world's most expensive building, land. . . . a tiny black train that seems to puff at twilight across the dome of St. Paul's. . . . cool picnic spots for City workers like Lincoln's Inn Fields. . . . and there, packed bunches of daffodils, lilies, and tulips for half a crown a bunch, sold in a cheap chain store.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Pond's A Nice Place To Be

—That's What the Cattail Told the Kittentails—

By MAX TRELL

HAND, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, had gone down to the edge of the pond. The weather had turned warm and already all the ice had melted. Here and there among the clumps of dry cattails, she noticed new green stalks just starting to grow.

It was early afternoon and the spring sun was shining with pleasant warmth. Perhaps it was warmer than Hand thought, or perhaps it was the golden sunbeams dancing on the water that made her half-shut her eyes. At any rate she did half-shut them and her head began nodding a bit. All at once she heard some small voices, sounding very close by, whispering. "Is this where we're going to be standing all summer?" one of the voices said.

"I'm quite sure we are, kitten. We're just off the edge of the pond. I can feel the water over my feet."

"So can I," said a third voice. "It seems like a very comfortable pond. But I can't see very much. I wish I were taller. I'm standing on my tiptoes. I do hope it is really a pond—and not just a puddle."

"A puddle!" the other two voices exclaimed sharply, like two mooves. "They sound like little cats," Hand said to herself, as she sat nodding with half-closed eyes. She felt much too drowsy to be able to open them. But she kept wondering to herself what little cats could be doing down at the

Very Lovely Pond

An old, deeper voice was talking to the others now. "Yes, my dears, this is a pond—and a very lovely one, too. It doesn't look very pretty now, but in a few weeks, when spring really comes, you'll see how everything will change. That little cove just beyond that white rock in the water will become covered with lily leaves—waterlily leaves. Later, there'll be blossoms, some red, some white, some pink."

"The dragonflies will dart and whirl, with the sun shining on their red and blue wings. Then the water-gliders and water-skaters and the whirligigs will come dancing out of hiding. They'll come dancing among you, too. You must be careful not to frighten them. You must make them your friends."

"And when the summer comes, the frogs will come, too. All day they'll sit on the bank



"Just be patient, my dears," the older voice said.

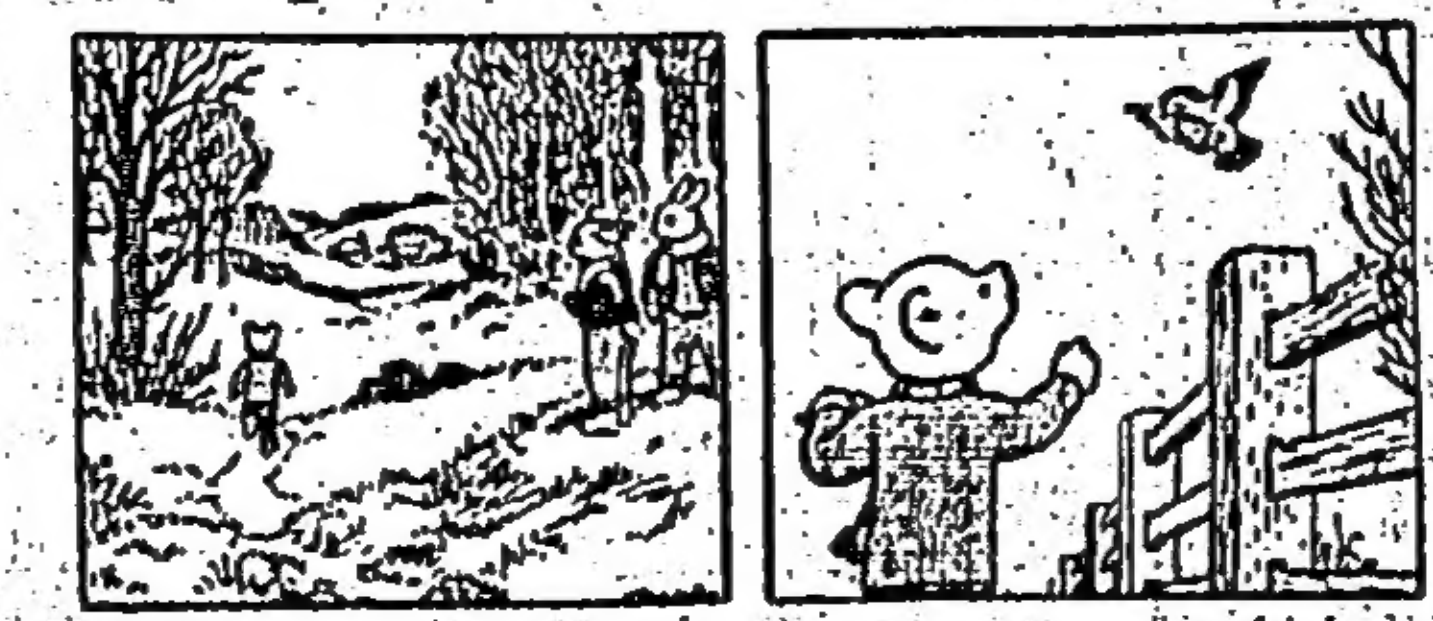
looking up into the sky, snapping for flies, plunging into the water for a swim. At night they'll gather all about you, singing their songs in their deep, hoarse voices. The whippoorwill will sing, too, and the katydids and the crickets."

"You'll be tall by then and your brown tails will stand high above the water. You'll be able to see far down to the end of the pond—see the ducks and the geese and the beautiful white swans of daffodils on the grass come down to the bank for a swim. Just be patient, my dears—just be patient."

Hand opened her eyes quickly, but she could see no one. There was nothing in the pond. And along the edge there was nothing—except the clump of dry cattails, with here and there the new green kitten-tails just starting to grow!

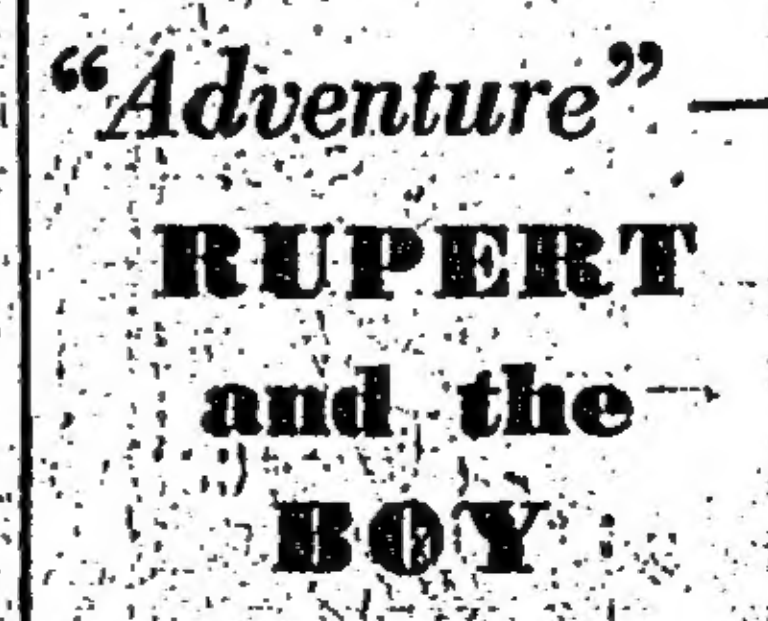
Hand looked at them closely. They seemed to be whispering together. But then again, it might only have been the wind, rustling through the dry stalks.

Rupert and the Robins—6



"We've been for a long walk," says Reggie Rabbit. "But we haven't seen any robins." "Yes, we have," interrupted Rex. "There was just one near to Poppleton village." "Then I'll try to find that one." Thanks for your help," says Rupert as he trots away.

Another new "Adventure"—

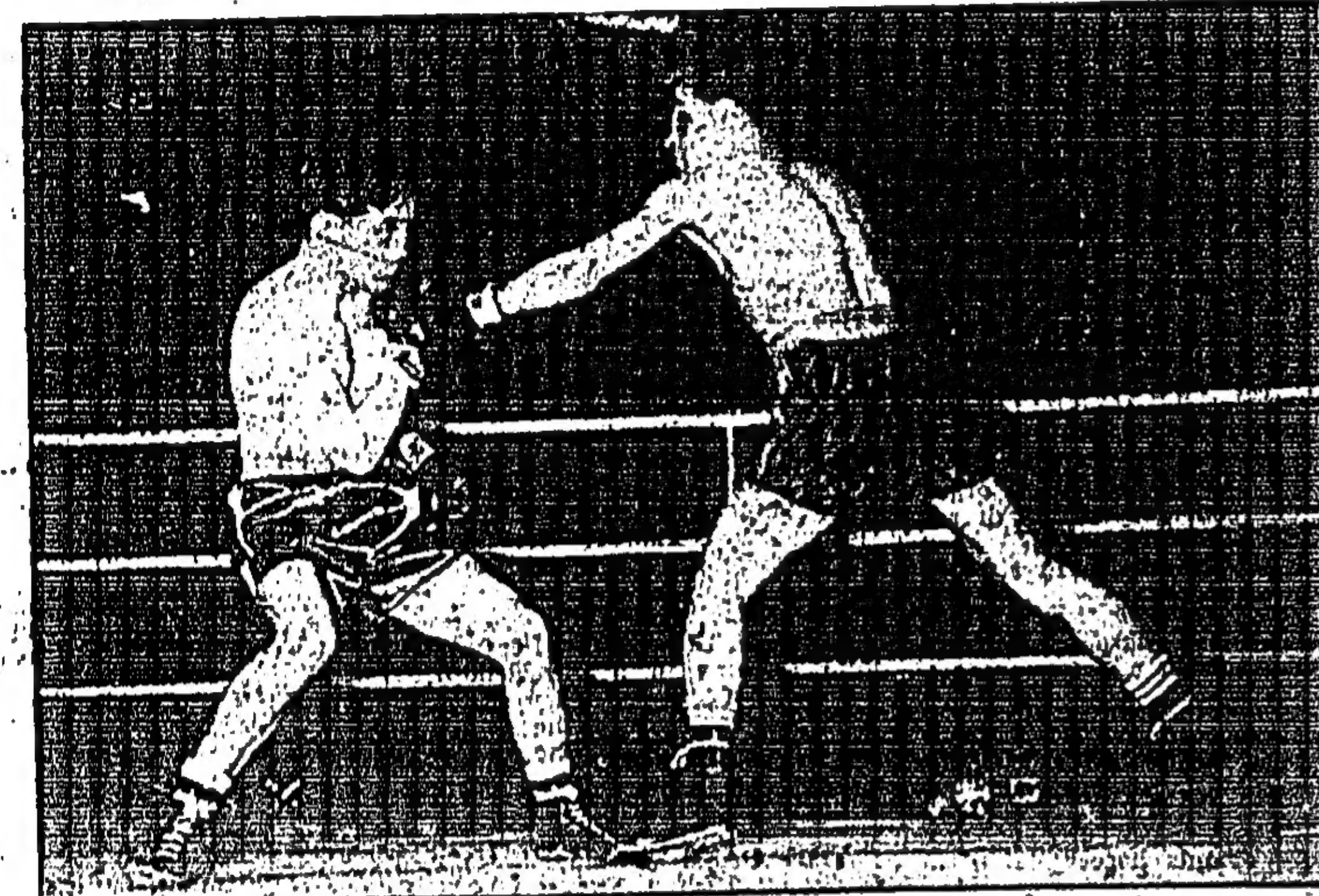


RUPERT and the BOY PIRATE \$1.

TITLE FIGHTS AT HARRINGAY



Don Cockell (left) and Johnny Williams, the holder, during their fight for the British and Empire Heavyweight Championships at Harringay. Cockell won.



Freddie King landing a left to Ronnie Clayton during their fight for the Featherweight Championship of Great Britain at Harringay. Clayton won on a knockout.—Central Press Photos.

The Time Has Come To Let German Boxers Fight In Britain

Says HAROLD MAYES

London. How much longer is Britain going on being beastly to us? Who's thinking that? Oh, just the German professional boxers and their managers, who feel that long enough has passed since the end of hostilities for them to be accepted here.

They wouldn't be welcome with a lot of people. I can't exactly say that I've changed my own general opinion towards Germany, but, being perfectly fair, there are many reasons why I feel that these chaps have a genuine grouse.

Haven't we seen German athletes performing here? Didn't 55,000 people turn up at Highbury to see a London side whip the daylight out of a team of Berlin soccer players? And the German amateur boxers who came over here were a very popular draw, too.

Athletes, footballers, amateur boxers. Right. Then what's the objection to professional boxers? Frankly, I don't see that our promoters can put up any explanation which is water-tight.

The view, naturally, is that plenty of the regular fight public just don't want to watch Germans. If they don't like them, isn't that one reason why they go along to see them in the hope that they might see a good hiding handed out to them? Well, I think so.

"I know a lot of people who'd get a kick out of that, and it could be that it could bring boxing new customers to compensate for those whose consciences would make them objectors.

HELL BACK THEM

One man who would like to help some of them over here is Ted Broadbent. "I don't care whether they are Germans, or where they come from," says Ted, "as long as they can help to stimulate boxing. Boxing needs 'em, and there are three fellows I know who would certainly be good value for money."

"In fact, I'd go as far as to say that if any promoter would put these three on an Anglo-German bill, I'd back them for £1,000 to win two out of the three fights," he added.

The three he's so sure of are Franz Szaenz, a 22-year-old middleweight who is No. 2 in his own country, Rudi Langer, the European bantam champion,

and Lee Starosch, No. 2 welterweight, who also fights as a middle.

Well, what about it, promoters? Would any of you say "No" if you were offered the chance of putting on the Jap World Champion, Yoshio Shirai, against either Jake Tull or Terry Allen, here?

No, of course you wouldn't. And if he is persona grata you just can't go on withholding recognition from the Germans.

"I spent 24 years as a player, but I shan't last that long as a manager," the man who controls the destinies of a well-known Football League club said to me. "You can go on record as saying for me that football's fine for a player, but as a manager—it stinks!" he added.

"I spent a lot less time than that as a player, but I still don't believe I shall even be able to match the length of my playing career in the chair," said another, whose club, incidentally, have had a rather successful season.

"I read a story the other day that a club which has a manager had already approached two other chaps to take the job that manager didn't know he was going to lose," he continued.

OLIVER TWISTS?

"But what's so strange about that? There are plenty of clubs doing it all the time. It's just a racket. Managers? We must all be daft."

And that, my hearties, is the sort of note on which one of the most successful soccer seasons for some time comes to its close.

If you think managers will now be going on a nice, long holiday, free from the cares of championships, promotion and relegation, just forget it. The

GREATEST EVER BRITISH ATHLETIC SEASON STARTS WITH RECORDS

The greatest ever British athletic season—following on three successive greatest ever seasons—has started with records in three standard events and several more at all distances between four and 20 miles.

First came Gordon Pirie's Six Miles in 28 minutes 47.4 seconds, then Roger Bannister's Mile in 4 minutes 3.6 seconds. The third record in a standard event fell at Chiswick on May 9 at the Sward Trophy Meeting when John Savidge threw the Discus a distance of 155 feet 3½ inches to improve on Harry Duguid's British record by half an inch.

Performances at the Sward Trophy Meeting—held at Chiswick on May 9—were excellent for the English, early season. Third place in the Discus went at 130 feet 6 inches and third place in the Long Jump at 22 feet 9¼ inches.

The Long Jump—even with the general all-round improvement in field event standards in the last two years—has remained Britain's weakest event.

There is promise of that situation being changed. In the AAA v. Oxford University match at Illey Road, Oxford, on May 2, Peter Whaley jumped 23 feet 11 inches—just 3½ inches short of Harold Abramson's British record. Oxford's Ian Walker was second at 23 feet 10 inches.

At the Sward Trophy meeting, G. D. Goodrich was second to

Surrey Beat Warwickshire In One Day!

London, May 16. Cricket fans today at the Oval saw the end of a three-day match between Surrey and Warwickshire.

The champions were playing their first county match of the season, after claiming the extra half-hour.

Stuart Surridge, the Surrey captain, was overjoyed at his team's success. Dolly offered no excuses for Warwickshire's failure.

Perhaps Surrey's recent innings defeat at the hands of the Australian touring team had a salutary effect on the champions.—France-Press.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, May 16. Close of play scores in County and first class cricket matches which began today were:

At Westcliff: Essex 357 (Biggs 138, Horsfall 58, Insole 53), Middlesex 29 for no wicket.

At Hove: Northamptonshire 180 (Livingston 89, Wood, left arm medium-fast three for 35), Sussex 29 for two.

At Graysend: Lancashire 400 (Washbrook 64, Grieves 144, Marner 62), Lancashire all out at the close, Kent to bat.

At the Oval: Surrey beat Warwickshire by an innings and 40 runs. Warwickshire 45 (Alec Beder, right-arm medium-fast eight for 18) and secondly 62 (Alec Beder 4 for 17, Laker, right-arm offspin 5 for 29, including a "hat-trick"), Surrey 148 (Dollery, right-arm fast-medium four for 40).

At Loughborough: Leicestershire 179 (Knott right-arm off-break five for 39), Hampshire 34 for three.

At Leeds: Somerset: Somerset 346 for nine (Gimblett 59, Tremlett 57, Stephenson not out 87).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 90 (Parks right-arm fast-medium 3 for 10), Worcestershire 29 for two (Main restricted play).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire-Glamorgan: Glamorgan 299 for nine.

At Gloucester: Gloucestershire 185 (Hilton 66, Jepson right-arm fast-medium three for 26), Nottinghamshire 60 for one.—Reuter.

Walker at 22 feet 11¼ inches and K. Wilmshurst third at 22 feet 9¼ inches. With Harry Whitte clearing 22 feet 8¾ inches in the Cambridge-Loughborough match, there are five Englishmen over 22½ feet before the middle of May.

Early season marks in the Discus Throw have been very good. In addition to Savidge's record throw, Mark Pharaoh has reached 148 feet 11¼ inches. Howell Williams has set a new Welsh record at 142 feet, M.F. Flacke has gone out to 138 feet 6 inches and D.E.L. Slater to 137 feet 6½ inches.

With most of the throwers, particularly the Scots, still to come into competition, it is not improbable that Britain this year will have a dozen men throwing over 140 feet and four or five over 150 feet.

Norman Greger won the Sward Trophy Pole Vault at 12 feet 8 inches with the schoolboy, G. M. Schmidt, second on 12.4. Last season there were three British vaulters over 13 feet. This season there may be a half-dozen with Geoffrey Elliott all set to be the first Briton over 14 feet.

Even in the High Jump, an event in which Englishmen don't normally go much higher than six feet until come time in June, Derek Cox has already cleared 6 feet 3 inches.

In the Shot Put, a new potential 50-footer has appeared in Oxford's W. E. Palmer who has a season's best of 48 feet 1¼ inches.

DISTANCE CRAZE

Since Britain scored fifth, seventh and eighth place in the Olympic 10,000 Metres there has been a concerted attack on distance running records and a number of these have fallen this season.

England's Six-Milers, who only two years ago found 30 minutes difficult to beat, are doing that consistently. In addition to Pirie's new record, Jim Peters has done 29:01.6 this season and D. H. Holden 29:33.0.

Even Peter West, home for his first season after three years in Hongkong, has already come down to 30:56.0, which means that he has run twice three miles at a little short of the speed at which he set the Hongkong record for Three Miles at 16 minutes 11.2 seconds in December last year.

Gordon Pirie ran the Two Miles in 8 minutes 56 seconds for the AAA against Oxford University, only four-tenths of a second off Chris Chataway's British record. He has also beaten the Belgian distance ace, Gaston Reiff, in a 5,000 Metres race at Rabat, Morocco.

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BRUISED CHAMPION



A battered Don Cockell, one-time Battersea blacksmith and now a farmer, startlingly reversed the forecasts of the experts when he beat Rugby's Johnny Williams on points over 15 rounds and took from him the Heavyweight Championships of Great Britain and the British Empire at Harringay on May 12.

Cockell took plenty of punishment from Williams' left jabs but his powerful punching had the Champion worried for most of the fight.

Picture shows: Cockell, triumphant despite his battered face (his left eye is almost closed), raising his arm in victory after the fight.—Reuterphoto.

Ignore The Howling Mob, Mr Crosby, And Just Play Golf!

Says GEORGE WHITING

Sportsman for whom I could feel sorry: Peter Needham, 29, golfer, handicap two at Sunningdale.

A goodly part of Mr Needham's competitive golf has hitherto been enjoyed in the quiet and pleasant purlieus of Oxford University and in the chummy cheerful old-boy atmosphere of the Halford-Hewitt cup competition, in which he has played for Old Carthusians.

But Needham—now enters a new phase of his royal and ancient pastime.

He is having his first crack at the British amateur championship at Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, this year, and at 10.12 a.m. on Monday, May 26, he is drawn to play in the first round, a member of the exclusive and expensive Bel-Air Country Club, USA. His opponent's name is Harry Lillis Crosby, caddy Bling.

Stooge of the circus. And that, I am afraid, could well be the end of dignified golf for Mr Needham. Willy-nilly, he now has the prospect of becoming a stage in a circus stampede of nitwits—those pop-eyed trumblers of turf to whom Mr Crosby is the larynx plus.

Three years ago, these gormless gallopers screamed and scratched their frenzied way round Crosby at stately St Andrew's. I pity the stewards, the other commoners, the genuine spectators, and particularly Needham, if any such riot is repeated at Hoylake.

Do not blame Crosby. I believe that he—unlike another American comedian—takes his game seriously. He is a member of the Royal and Ancient Club, can play up to near-championship class without clowning, and was not responsible for the exhibition of mob-hysteria at 1850.

Advertising-executive Needham took it like a man when I told him of his Hoylake destiny.

MET AT WEDDING. "Jolly good. How perfectly delightful I could not have asked for a nicer opponent. I met

Crosby last year, at Sunningdale, at a friend's wedding.

"Crosby is a serious golfer. I am certain the stewards will be efficient and that we shall both get a fair run."

I hope so.

Other reactions to the Hoylake draw were slightly different.

His father: "Crosby? I'm, Well, Peter won't let it upset him."

His club: "Crosby? That's rich. That's darned funny."

Here's hoping it will not be too darned funny. Bling Crosby as a golfer is welcome, and his disarming presence will do the Hoylake receipts no harm whatsoever. But, please, Mr C.—no joke-a-stroke nonsense. Let's leave the clowning for the crowds who pay Entertainment Tax, shall we?

BOXING AT LORD'S. Here's a thing now. Boxing promoter Jack Solomons, floundering like one of his own fish in the rough Entertainment Tax seas, whipped up by Mr Butler, wants to get a little closer to cricket—which pays no such tax.

Solomons, carefully adjusting his Old One-Twoyons tie, has written to Lord's and The Oval seeking permission to run big-time boxing on either of those green and pleasant pastures when cricket closes down next September.

If you hear any noises, it will be a gasometer, or an MCC member, exploding.

Lacrosse has been permitted entry to Lord's hockey and the Combination. Consume brand of soccer have found recent expression at The Oval. But pitching a ring on these sacrosanct squares will assuredly be considered akin to leap-frog in Ascot's Royal Enclosure.

Solomons has been known to perpetrate many a hot stratagem on the sporting world—"pulling a stroke" is the trade term—but this time I fear, he is risking frostbite from two of the latest refusals of all time.

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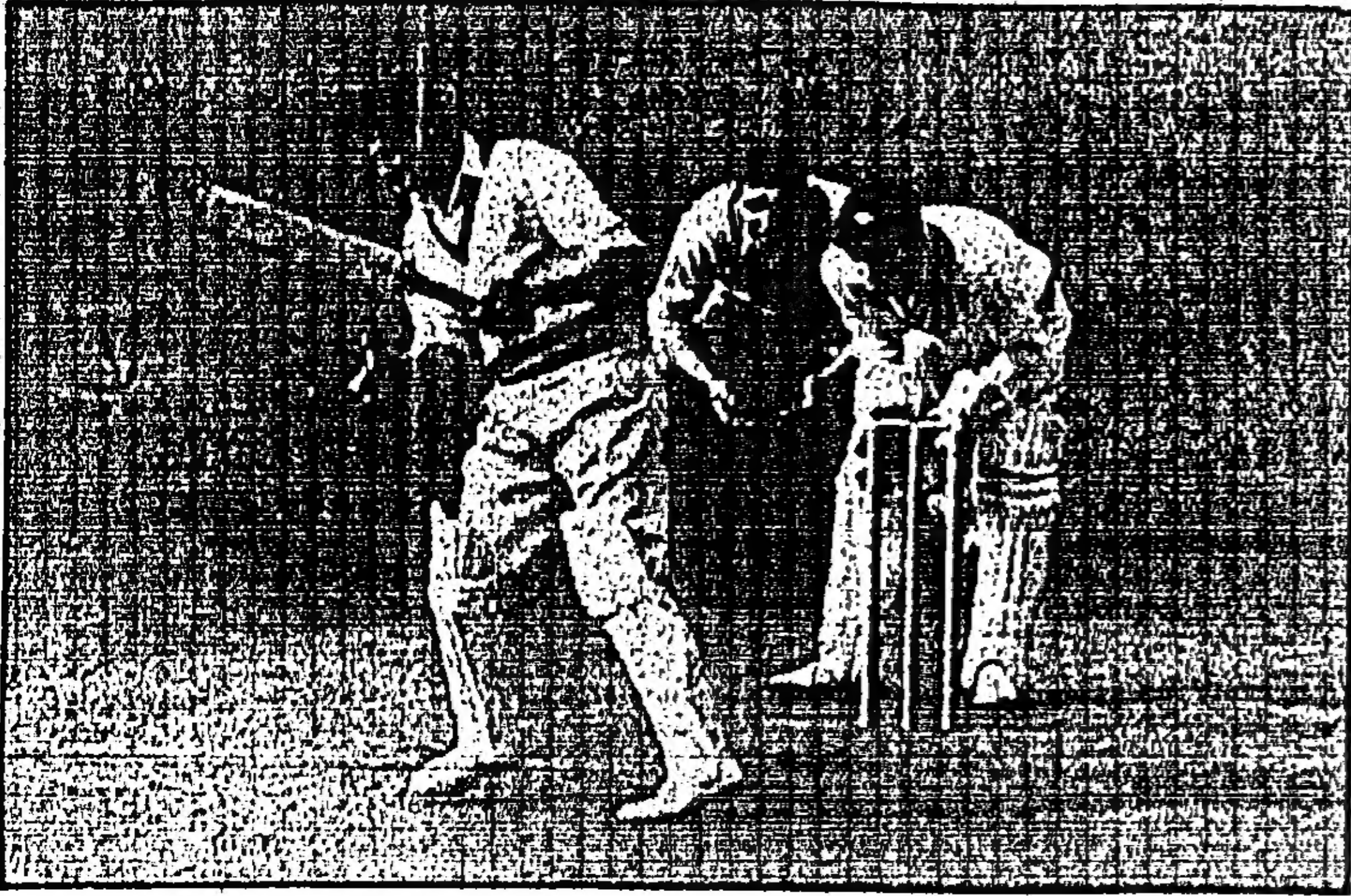
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THE GAMBOLS



MILLER IN FORM AGAIN



Keith Miller (Australia) grimacing after being hit on the thumb off a ball from Halliday, during their match against Yorkshire. Miller has a wonderful chance of completing his 1,000 runs before the end of May.—Central Press Photo.

'SPURS WILL NOT PLAY POINTS-AT-ANY-PRICE KICK-AND-RUSH FOOTBALL

By ARCHIE QUICK

Decreased playing success will not force Tottenham Hotspur into an alteration of style. Says Manager Arthur Rowe, who devised it: "We are convinced that our short-passing style is the correct one and that it is the one the public wants to see. We will not alter it; we will not be forced into kick-and-rush, speed-above-everything and points-at-any-price football."

Spurs finished second to Manchester United last season, won the Championship the season before that and were promoted from the Second Division the season prior to that. This time they finished in only a comfortable middle of the table position.

"It is not the system that is wrong, it is not the team plan that is wrong. The reason for our drop in the First Division is that individual players have fallen away from standard and the new ones we have introduced into the side need time to get accustomed to our moves. Then of course, our opponents have tumbled to some of our tricks."

"But I still stick to my opinion that an attack should and can be started from the goalkeeper, moving the ball up field via a throw to a full back. Also the outside wingers should lie back, and, contrary to all preconceptions, pass the ball forward to their inside men in scoring positions instead of the inside men falling back and slowing the ball out to the wing. When

it is crossed from there, more often than not the centre goes straight to the goalkeeper."

Mr Rowe, however, does not believe in a complete return to an attacking centre-half. "Our policy is such an offensive one," he says "that it is necessary for our centre-half to remain back and form a keystone of defence. We have all the attackers we need in the forward line and at wing half."

I saw Spurs lose narrowly on a waterlogged ground at Charlton, and I feel that under such conditions their system of football is at a disadvantage. Much more successful was the go-ahead work of Charlton's enthusiastic young South Africans, and the game confirmed, if it were necessary, that Springbok John Hewie, six foot two of muscle and brain, is just about the best full back in the four Home countries at the moment. He hardly ever wastes a clearance kick and he has telescopic legs for tackling.

MATTER OF £500

The fateful last half minute of the greatest of all Wembley Cup Finals meant the difference of an additional £500 and £1,000 to Blackpool manager Joe Smith. A clause in his contract called for a bonus of £500 if the team got to Wembley and for £1,000 if they won the trophy.

But it will not be Joe Smith or his unhappy goalkeeper George Farm or the gallant Wanderers from Bolton who will be remembered when the pages of the record books are thumbed in years to come by this and following generations.

The toast now and always will be "Stanley Matthews". It was his match entirely, and no single player has made his country's selectors look so foolish.

To their credit they immediately made amends for their sin of omission by inviting the incomparable right winger to take part in the forthcoming South American tour, though Stanley has not found it expedient to accept.

Too old at 38 indeed! Matthews has lived the international football career for 22 years, has always produced his best with the backcloth of an important event. But with the genius of a prima donna, he timed his finest hour for the occasion when he gained his greatest accolade—a Cup winner's medal—and heaped confusion on the FA Selection Committee who had ignored him for England's most daring adventure abroad.

I can now reveal that when Blackpool last reached the Cup Final two years ago and Stanley walked off the field, head bowed and crestfallen in defeat, I, as Hon. Secretary of the Football Writers' Association, put forward a recommendation to the Home Office that he might be given some honour which, in effect, would be an equivalent recognition to Soccer as cricket had gained by the bestowal of a knighthood on Don Bradman.

Nothing came of it; let us hope that in this Coronation Year, with the Wizard at the pinnacle of his fame, some such honour will come his way this time.

There is a general public outcry for it, and I believe it will happen, although I would not go so far as to think of Matthews as "Sir Stanley."

He would become any recognition, for all of his 54 international "caps" still fit him; there never was a more modest, gentlemanly top-ranker in any sport.

If you should travel with Blackpool, or Stoke before them, on a railway journey or meet them in an hotel, the chap sitting in the corner minding his own business, reading or writing would be Stanley Matthews, greatest footballer of his generation, perhaps of all time.

Rome Opens Its New Olympic Stadium

Rome, May 17.

Italian President Luigi Einaudi today inaugurated the country's biggest modern sports arena, the 100,000-seat Olympic Stadium, here.

The stadium, designed for the field and track events of the 1956 Olympic Games—if they are held in Rome—cost 2,500,000,000 Lire (about £1,500,000). The highlight of the inauguration was a football match in the five-match international Cup contest in which Hungary beat Italy 3-0.

One hundred leading European cyclists streaked round the arena to complete today's stage of the 20-day Giro Italia (round Italy) race.

The stadium is the Italian capital's largest sports arena since the Coliseum went into disuse 1,500 years ago.—Reuter.

SWEET OUT

Helsinki, May 17.—The Philippines completed a 3-0 win over Finland in their second round European Zone Davis Cup match here today. In the last two singles, Raymond Deyro beat Sakari Salo 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-6 and Fellesimo Ampen beat Pentti Forsman 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

The Philippines play Denmark in the quarter-finals.—Reuter.

Women's Shot Put Record Broken

Moscow, May 17.

The Olympic Champion, Galina Zybins, established a new women's world record for the shot put in Leningrad yesterday with a throw of 53 feet 1 inch.—United Press.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

David Farrar Now Knows Why They Called It April Fool's Day

By ROBERT OTTAWAY

At the back end of 1950 David Farrar was riding the crest of the wave. He had made five films in a row, 243,000 (less £37,000 tax) for his private exchequer, and was on his way to Hollywood for his first American film, "The Golden Horde," with Ann Blyth.

The headlines said: "We mustn't lose Farrar to Hollywood." So Farrar turned down a seven-year stretch with Universal, refused three other offers, and came back to Britain, to his waiting horde of fans—and nothing else.

For, in the last two years, Farrar, who starred in some of the best British films since the war—remember "Frieda," "Black Narcissus," "The Small Back Room"—hasn't earned a single penny from films. He's been frozen out and cold-shouldered.

"I came back on April 1, 1951," he told me. "Now I know why they call it All Fools' Day. I don't deny that I am very bitter. I preferred Britain—and I came back expecting to find work. But nobody wanted me. All that happened is that I was kicked in the teeth."

A FREELANCE

How does he explain the neglect? "I've always been a freelance actor," he says. "I preferred to choose my own parts. But when I came back the film companies were concentrating on their contract artists. There was no place for an independent like me."

And Farrar refuses to undersell himself. "I've had several offers from small companies—the pay was quite good, too—but I won't appear in a film that may damage my acting reputation. The big people haven't been interested. It's been so disheartening."

Now, at last, Farrar has settled on a film. He will play a naval captain in the screen version of the POW play, "Albert, R.M." The title has been changed—but not for Farrar's special benefit—"The Spare Man."

HOLLYWOOD OFFER

"Yes, I've had Hollywood offers recently," he tells me. "I've been negotiating for the male lead in the new Rita Hayworth film."

Will he take it if it comes? "Certainly," he says. "You can't be fooled the same way twice."

It seems very odd to me that an industry crying out for men who look as if they use a razor now and then should overlook David Farrar. He is, they say, difficult, he has scant respect for some of the men who have come up in his absence. But, if it's the contract system that excludes him, then the system is wrong.

The blunt, homespun voice of Grace Fields rasped at me. "My film for Associated British has been postponed till September. But I will definitely make it. This 3-D business is holding it up."

And, added Grace: "They're going duff about 3-D. This film has a good script and it will be in colour. What more do you want?"

My guess is that A.B. boss Robert Clark will want Grace in three-dimensions. He already plans the first British-financed 3-D epic, "Queen Esther," with Hedy Lamarr.

Title of the Grace film is still "Song of the Sea," which is translation of the name of her Capri villa.

It's a good title—but misleading. It has led many to think that it is based on incidents in her life.

But the story is pure fiction. Says Grace firmly: "I refused to have my life filmed." She will not follow in the fashion

set by Jolson, Cantor and Will Rogers. I think she's wise. Every screen biography has the air of an obituary. And Grace is now proving at the Palladium that her hold over her audience is as firm as ever it was.

Whirling into London is the man who's made a comic reputation out of mangling the Queen's English, Sam Goldwyn. Sample: Don't give her artificial respiration. Either the best or nothing.

Does he dream up these cracks himself? Well, I can only record that he read one of his famous sayings in a paper and mused: "I remember the time I said this. It was just after I first read in a magazine that I said it."

I expect Goldwynisms to fly when I meet him. For Goldwyn is unimpressed by the 3-D mania, is planning his 89th production as a "flatie."

A HEAR THAT...

Michael Wilding is taking dictation lessons. His present English is too pulk to be understood by American guys and dolls... Actress Eugenie Leontovitch has started a dramatic school in Hollywood—to coach students in three dimensions...

Lana Turner has booked in at the Savoy for nine weeks. She'll make her first film in Britain, "The Flame and the Flesh." "Three-D" inspired by Jimmy Durante: "I don't mind having a flop in my lap—but I do object when he starts eating my popcorn"...

The first Mau Mau film is being planned—with John Wayne as a big-game hunter whose wife is murdered by bandits. It will be made by Hollywood, of course.

Says Red Skelton: "I've always felt sorry for Mickey Rooney. He's too short to be a lover and too tall to be a producer."

Frankie Howard has decided on his first film, called "The Runaway Bus." He says: "I didn't want to make the mistake of Sid Field. I wanted a good script."

We shall see. Bob Hope, who has been with Paramount for 15 years, says: "The pats on the back keep getting lower and lower."

England-Argentina Match Stopped By Thunderstorm

Buenos Aires, May 17.

The soccer international between Argentina and England was abandoned in the 24th minute after a heavy thunderstorm which soaked the pitch here today.

There had been no score when the English referee, Arthur Ellis, called off the game.

The thunderstorm broke over the ground an hour before the kick-off and heavy rain fell continuously. In what play was

possible the players slithered around in the appalling conditions. There was so much water on the pitch that the breeze whipped little ripples across the surface.

The referee and linesmen inspected the pitch 12 minutes after the suspension and then declared that further play was impossible, and the match was abandoned.

FIRST TIME

It is believed to be the first time that an international match in which England played has been abandoned.

England and Argentina officials were meeting later to discuss the possibility of playing the match on Monday.

The conditions favoured England, who had the better of the opening stages.

It became almost an impossibility to control the ball, which stuck in pools of water. If the match had continued luck must have played a big part in the result.

President Juan Peron and a crowd of nearly 100,000 people were present.—Reuter.

Australians Play MCC Today

London, May 17.

The Australians' match against the MCC, washed out by rain on Saturday, should start at 10.30 GMT as scheduled tomorrow May 18.

Sunshine and a drying wind this afternoon after morning showers had almost dried out the pitch. The forecast for tomorrow is "generally fine".—Reuter.

TOMMY FARR RETIRES ONCE MORE

Hove, Sussex, May 17.

Tommy Farr, former undefeated British Heavyweight Champion, has retired from the ring after his recent 16 fights comeback ended in defeat by Don Cockell, now the British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, in a final eliminator for the British title in March.

Farr said here today "This time I really mean it. Since my fight with Cockell I have received several good offers and have accepted one to comment on the present-day boxing scene in a Sunday newspaper."

Farr, born in Tonypandy, South Wales, was believed to be 39 years old, but remained reticent about his age. He won the British heavy-weight title in 1937, and the same year went nearer to winning the world title than any British Heavyweight since the turn of the century, for in August he was outpointed in New York by Joe Louis.

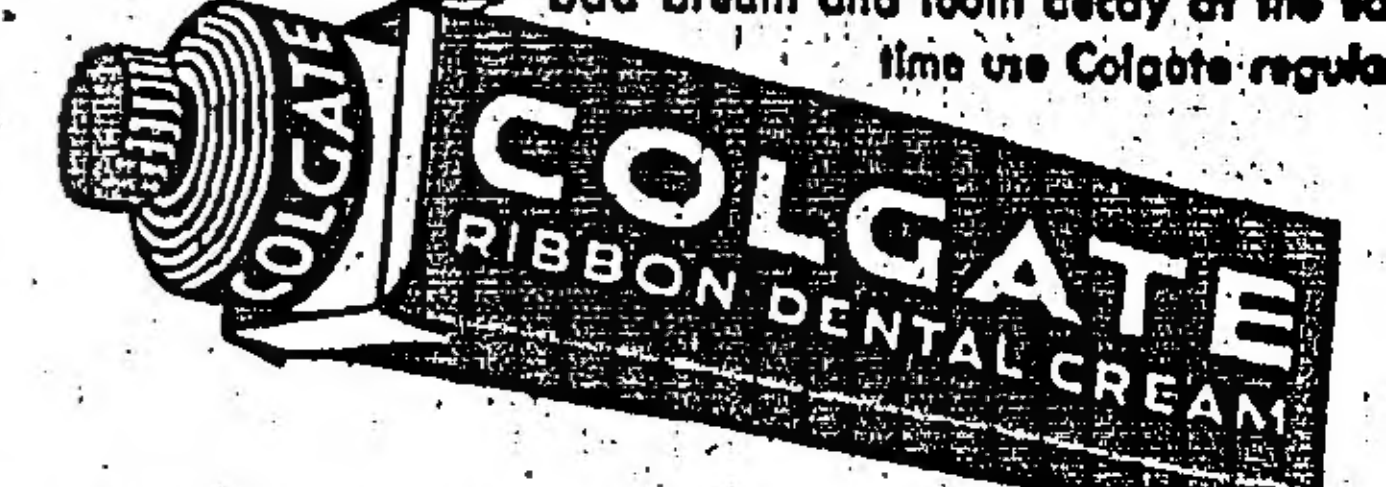
Farr relinquished his British crown in 1938, but was granted a licence to box again in 1950. He retired as holder of the Welsh heavy-weight title.—Reuter.

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Time interval on the 2nd day will be after the 4th Race at 1.30 p.m.
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The cost of a Through Ticket is \$44.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 22nd May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings. There will be a Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the meeting. The cost of each ticket is \$2.

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H. MISA,

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Japanese Are Betting 8-5 On Shirai

Tokyo, May 17.

Slender Yoshio Shirai of Japan was favoured at 8-5 today to keep his World Fly-weight Championship tomorrow night in a 15-round bout with stocky Tanny Campo of the Philippines at Korakuen Baseball Stadium.

Shirai, making his second defence of the 112-pound crown, was believed to have too much speed and skill for the awkward but explosive mauler from Manila.

International Promotions expect more than 20,000 fans and a gate of more than \$80,000 for Japan's third World Championship fight. In the previous two, Shirai took the crown from Yonatan Dado Marino of Honolulu on May 25, 1952, and defended against Marino last November 15.

Each is expected to scale just under the 112-pound limit. Champion Shirai, 28, is the more experienced. He has had 44 professional bouts, which he won 35, lost five and fought one draw. He registered 14 knockouts.

Japanese boxing experts unanimously picked Shirai because of his advantages in height, reach and speed.

Campo, 24, won 38 of his 43 bouts.—United Press.

Australian Cyclist Wins Match

Brussels, May 17.

Australian cyclist Sid Patterson came first in an omnium international at the Sports Palace today with nine points. Belgium's Gosselin was second with ten points, France's Lognny third with 11 and fourth Holland's Schulte with 20.—Reuter.

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Lusaka, May 17.

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Free elephant meat, favourite African dish, will be distributed in many villages.

Broadcasts of the Coronation are to be relayed over communal radio sets throughout the African suburbs of Lusaka.

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Hess Still Dreaming Of Past Glories

Berlin, May 17.

The men who helped Hitler plan and launch World War II to get "living room" for Nazi Germany have plenty of it.

The world's seven top war criminals are the only inmates in a gaol originally built for 550 prisoners.

Rudolf Hess and his six partners in war crimes who escaped the noose at Nuremberg are ending their days in Spandau prison, an 86-year-old rambling red brick former fortress run by the Americans, British, French and Russians in the British sector of Berlin.

How much the Spandau prisoners know of world events since they came here from Nuremberg July, 1947, is a mystery. They might not even know that Stalin is dead, that Eisenhower is the American President.

Officially, they are told nothing. They get no newspapers, are not allowed to listen to the radio. Only their relatives may write to them and this mail is censored.

For men who commanded millions in men, material and money, it is a drab, dull life at Spandau. They clean their own cells, do their own laundry, grow vegetables in the prison garden in the summer and manufacture such things as paper bags in the prison workshop in winter.

RULE OF SILENCE They have no community life together. The rule of silence is maintained. They may not speak to each other and may speak to a guard only when they receive permission. Only at religious services—they are all Protestant—held in a cell converted into a chapel do they sit together.

At the Sunday services former Economics Minister Walther Funk plays the organ and all the prisoners go except Hess.

Hess appeared to be the only prisoner who dreams of past glories and still is faithful to Hitler. For years he has attempted to goosestep in a cell 10 feet long and six feet wide as he shouts "Heil Hitler."

The others console themselves with reading books from a carefully screened 400-volume

prison library. Their favourites are religious and philosophical works. There is no demand for light novels.

The very few persons who come in contact with the Nazis say that they have expressed little repentance for their deeds and prefer to dwell upon what they consider the unjust sentences imposed upon them.

The Nazis wear prison uniforms and sandals-type shoes which Armaments Minister Albert Speer, designed for forced labourers, said, "I would have to wear these myself I would have designed a better pair."

NO ESCAPE

Even at night wardens shine a bright flashlight through a peephole in their cells every 15 minutes to make sure suicides have not been attempted.

The Allies say that there is no danger of escape. The prison is surrounded by a 12-foot wall with watch towers on the top. The wall is enclosed by an electrically-charged wire fence which will kill anyone who touches it. In addition to wardens of four battalions on duty at all times inside the prison, there is outside a military guard of roughly 150 soldiers. This guard is furnished by the nation which holds the monthly rotating chairmanship of the prison.

Except for Speer and Hitler youth leader Baldur von Schirach all are said to be in bad health. Protector of Bohemia Constantin von Neurath is said to be going blind, grand Admiral Karl Doenitz has rheumatism, and Funk suffers from heart attacks.

Hess, Funk and Grand Admiral Erich Raeder are serving life terms. Schirach and Speer are serving 20 years. Von Neurath is serving 15 years and Doenitz 10.—United Press.

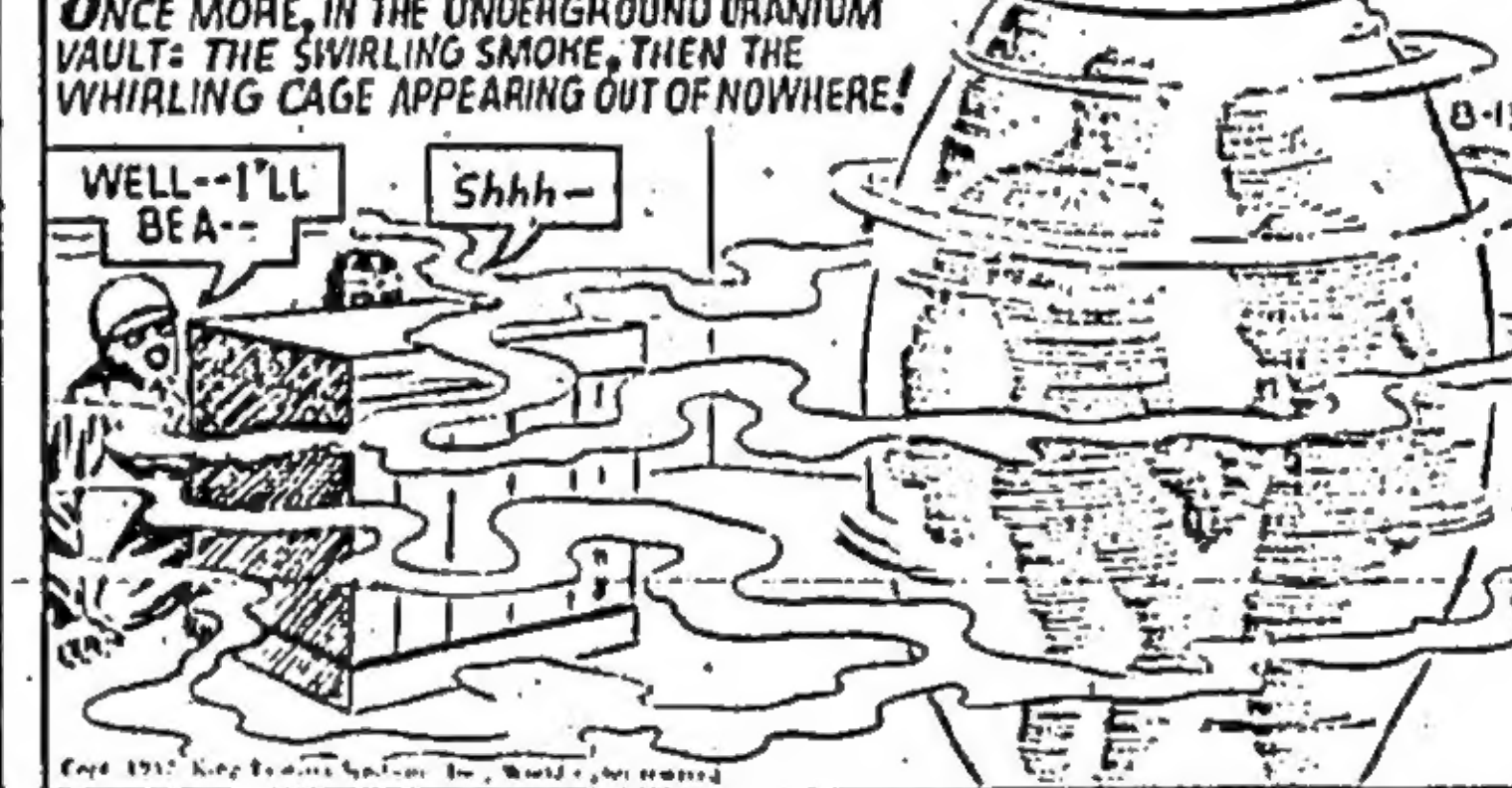
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TURKISH BATH TO TEST JETS

London, May 17.

The most elaborate Turkish bath in the world has been built by Air Ministry scientists at a cost of £200,000 at Farnborough, Hants.

It has been set up to conquer the heat barrier—high-speed hazard more dangerous than the sound barrier—which will beset jet pilots in the near future.

At speeds beyond 1,000 miles an hour friction and compression of the air will make cockpits unbearably hot.

Scientists can heat up the hot room to 180 degrees Fahrenheit—almost double the blood-heat of the body.

The doctors survive this heat by wearing special suits ventilated with refrigerated air and by using other still-secret devices.

The laboratory is also being used to solve problems which jet pilots are already facing in hot weather.

Bombers come in so fast that the defenders must be sitting in their planes when the alert goes. And on a hot day the cockpit becomes a greenhouse.

Doctors can also produce near-Artic conditions with cold air blasts.

One lay down for 20 minutes during cold-weather tests. He was frozen so solidly to the floor that his colleagues had to chip him clear.

Mission To Peking

Paris, May 17.

Rudolf Diakart, a French agent, today, quoted reports from New Delhi that an Indian friendship mission composed of members of the University of New Delhi will leave for Peking on August 25.

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 1953.

Action To Set Aside Order In Court Judgment

An action seeking to set aside an order in the judgment in Original Jurisdiction Action No. 257 of 1947 (given on January 14, 1950) on the ground that same had been procured by fraud by one or more of the present defendants, started before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The order made by the Court in its judgment was that the fourth and fifth defendants were to assign the property (New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2791, formerly known as the Shamshupo Theatre) to the first three defendants in the present action.

Plaintiff is Cheng Wei-long, merchant, of 4 Lok Wing Street, and he is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr S. V. Gattin, on the instructions of Mr F. G. Nigel.

The five defendants are Tang Kam, merchant, 114 Electric Road; Leung Chi and Li Kwok-chiu, merchants, both of 119 Queen's Road Central; Sui Fong Cinema Co., Ltd., 53 Connaught Road Central; and Wong Fong, married woman, 308 Nathan Road.

Appearing for the first three defendants are Mr Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr Charles Cheung, both instructed by Mr H. L. Kwan.

The fourth and fifth defendants were absent and they are not represented by Counsel.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan, appeared for Mrs Fong Chiu-shi, liquidator of the Cinema Company.

Mr Bernacchi said that at a later stage in the proceedings the Court would hear a resolution that was passed by the Company cancelling the liquidation. He said that the only way that could be done was by petition to the Court.

In asking leave to withdraw, saying that his instructing solicitor would watch the proceedings, Mr Bernacchi said that he would be available should the Court desire to hear him on the question of whether or not material data in the Company was in liquidation or not.

PLAINTIFF'S CASE
Opening for the plaintiff, Mr McNeill said that his client was seeking to set aside a judgment in OJ Action No. 257/47, which was delivered on January 14, 1950.

Counsel said that the proper subject of the subject matter of that action, belonged to the four defendants—(Sui) Fong Cinema Co., Ltd., in 1947 his client entered into a contract to purchase the property and an agreement of sale and purchase was entered into between plaintiff and two persons who purported to be the liquidators of the Company, their names being Kwong King-lee and Kwong Man-chi.

About this time his client resold the property, Counsel said. The Company was at that time supposed to be in liquidation. Subsequently it was found that the extraordinary meeting called to pass the necessary resolution was not validly called, and an action was brought for the purpose of setting the liquidation aside and in that action (OJ No. 259/47) judgment was entered on November 20, 1948, setting aside the liquidation proceedings.

In December, 1948, his client entered into a further agreement with the new liquidators of the Company upon a new liquidation, Counsel said. These liquidators were appointed by a special resolution on November 12, 1948. Counsel handed up to the Court a resolution for the winding up of the Company and a notice by Kwong King-lee that he and Kwong Man-chi had been appointed the new liquidators.

Since then he understood there had been a change of appointment of liquidators and Mr Bernacchi had earlier informed the Court that he was appearing for a Mrs Fong Chiu-shi.

ALLEGED SALE
In the meantime and before these events which he had just mentioned took place, Ha Shiu-tong, a director of the Cinema Company purported on behalf of the Company to dispose the property to the fifth defendant (Wong Fong) who was alleged to be the wife of Ha. This purported sale took place in August, 1943. Nothing further happened with regard to this property during the Japanese occupation until July 20, 1945 when Wong Fong purported to sell it to the first three defendants who were the plaintiffs in action 257/47.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I like to sit through them twice because you notice things the second time you didn't the first—like that boy sitting ahead of us, for example!"

Secret Talks In Tokyo On Korean Truce

Tokyo, May 18.
General Mark Clark and Lt-Gen. William Harrison will meet today for a secret talk that could set in motion another compromise move toward breaking the Korean truce deadlock.

The Allied chief truce negotiator and two other delegates came in from Munsan, Korea, on Sunday, the first day of a three-day recess in the Panmunjom armistice conference.

The Allies asked for the recess for "administrative reasons." They were believed to want time for consultation among UN governments concerning the deadlock over what to do with war prisoners who do not want to go home.

Some quarters believed that the United States particularly wanted to seek an understanding with Great Britain. Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill has given qualified endorsement on the eight-point Communist truce plan which was turned down at Panmunjom.

With Gen. Harrison on the flight to Tokyo aboard a special plane were Rear-Adm. John C. Danil and an Army brigadier general.

Asked if he was pessimistic about the chances for peace in Korea, Gen. Harrison replied, "A soldier is never pessimistic. He just takes what comes."

OUT OF TOWN
Gen. Clark was reported to be out of town on Sunday, attending a shrine festival in Nikko, north of Tokyo.

Red China, through its Peking radio, took advantage of the recess in the truce talks to oppose the Allied demand that war prisoners be given the right to decide for themselves whether to go back to the side from which they were captured.

The Allied principle is "entirely wrong" and "fundamentally impossible," Peking said. "It is claimed that an agreement can be reached now if only the United States government had real sincerity," Peking added.

The American negotiator, after repeatedly raising a host of trivial administrative details, took the step of bringing up a so-called counter-proposal which aimed at forcibly retaining the prisoners of war and attempting to undermine the present basis of negotiations as agreed upon.

"This exposes the fact that the United States still lacks any sincere desire to achieve an armistice in Korea," Peking added.

The next meeting at Panmunjom was set for 11 a.m. Wednesday.—United Press.

Coronation Contingent Leaves HK
Fourteen members of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force contingent who will take part in the Coronation parade in London left by BOAC this morning. They are travelling via Singapore and will be in London on Thursday.

Seven others who are also marching in the parade made private travelling arrangements and are already in London.

The 14 who left today were led by Lieut. F. E. C. Quah. Only four of them have been in England before.

Lieut. Quah said the Hongkong group will report on arrival to the 1st Artillery Post, Woolwich, to brush up on their drill for the Coronation. After the Coronation, the contingent will do some sightseeing before returning on June 10. They are expected back in Hongkong on June 20.

Sgt Sun Hong of the Hongkong Regiment said it would be a fine experience to see the Coronation and to take part in the parade.

Cpl E. R. S. Carmo said he hoped the contingent would acquaint themselves well and merit Hongkong's pride.

Soldier's Murder Trial Opens At Criminal Sessions

The trial opened before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning of Pte Bernard Cox, 23, of the 1st Bn., Royal Norfolk Regiment, of Eversholt, Bedfordshire, charged with the murder of a medical orderly at Camp 67, Norwegian Farm, New Territories, on March 21.

The accused, who is defended by Mr Charles Loseby, QC, is alleged to have shot the deceased, Pte John Needs, with a rifle taken from the camp guardhouse after he had been brought to the camp from a dance hall by Military Policemen.

Cox pleaded not guilty, and an all-male Jury was empanelled.

GUIMGAM INQUEST

(Continued From Page 1)

He did not answer. He closed his eyes again, but after a short while, he said "Calvo went back to Manila, black eye." I tried again to get him to tell me what happened, but he went back to sleep without saying anything further," Omar said.

Mr Omar added that he noticed that the right part of the deceased's nose was bruised, and that the flesh under both eyes were bluish.

On Mr Channing's return, Mr Omar said that he related all that had happened in his absence, after which the two left the room, and walked up and down the corridor, looking into the room occasionally. He said that while they were walking, an amah of the hotel came up to them, and told them that Guimgam was lying on the floor.

On entering the room, Mr Omar said that he saw Guimgam lying on the floor, resting on his left elbow, and that he had tried to get up.

Mr Omar said that he left the room to see if Dr Ribeiro had not yet arrived, he went back to the room, and saw that Guimgam was again lying on the bed. Mr Channing told him that he had helped the deceased back to bed.

Dr Ribeiro arrived at the hotel shortly after 2 p.m., and immediately examined the deceased, said Mr Omar. He added that he knew no questions put by the doctor, Guimgam repeated what he had previously said about the Lee Theatre and three soldiers.

After the examination, Dr Ribeiro decided to get admittance for the deceased at the Queen Mary Hospital, and after phoning for an ambulance, "gave me an admission card," Mr Omar added.

ROTH SOBER
Mr L. J. Channing, was the next witness.

Mr Channing told the Court that he had known the deceased ever since 1921. On February 10 there was a Interport dinner at the Hongkong Football Club which he attended.

The late Mr Guimgam was also present at the dinner in his position as the Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association. During the course of the meal the witness was told by the deceased that he (Guimgam) would later go with Mr Calvo, who was from the Philippines, to visit a cabaret.

When witness left the dinner at 11:45 p.m. both the deceased and Mr Calvo were sober, although they had been drinking.

The next day there was a football match at which the deceased did not turn up. Witness said that he tried to locate Mr Guimgam for the next two days after the dinner in connection with some personal business.

On February 10 witness finally managed to contact the deceased by phoning the office of the Hongkong Standard, and was told by the deceased to come and see him at once.

Witness testified that he went to the office of the Hongkong Standard and talked with the deceased, who appeared to be quite normal and rational in his behaviour and speech. Later in the evening the witness accompanied the deceased to the White House Hotel in Wanchai, and left after arranging to meet the deceased at a Football Association meeting the following day.

During their conversation witness said he noticed that the deceased's eyes were bruised.

The next day the witness phoned Mr Omar as to whether Mr Guimgam had arrived at the meeting, and was told that he had not. Witness and Mr Omar then went to the White House Hotel to see the deceased, and found him sleeping in his room.

Mr Channing then corroborated the evidence of the previous witness.

Hearing will continue this afternoon.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, Mr D. G. Macpherson, Director of Criminal Investigation, and Detective Inspector E. P. Grace appeared for the Police.

At the outset, Mr Loseby asked His Lordship if he would allow a medical expert to be called as a witness to remain in Court during the hearing at this stage of the proceedings.

His Lordship replied that if Crown Counsel had no objections, the Court would agree to this.

Crown Counsel stated that it was not very proper for a witness to remain in Court at this stage, and that he opposed the application.

His Lordship then said he thought it best for the witness in question to remain out of Court in the meantime.

CAMP INCIDENT
Outlining the case for the Crown to the Jury, Mr O'Reilly Mayne said the charge arose out of an incident on March 21 this year at camp 67, Norwegian Farm, the events in which culminated in the death of a medical orderly.

He told the Jury that, at this stage of the trial, he wanted them to bear in mind that, after the evidence had been unfolded, it might occur to them that the tragic consequences might not have happened had a more firm course of conduct been pursued at the scene of the incident by the military authorities.

However, Crown Counsel continued, the sole issue before the Jury was whether or not the accused was guilty of murder. And to constitute the crime of murder, it was not necessary for the Prosecution to prove whether there was a motive or not.

All it had to prove was that the act was an unlawful killing committed with intention.

Turning to the facts, he stated that evidence would be given that on the afternoon of March 21, the accused was in Luen Wo Hui Village, near the camp, in company with a dance hostess and another member of his regiment.

Later, the accused met another soldier, Pte Cook, and together they went to a bar, where they had a couple of drinks. Cook drank about two beers, and the accused about six. Both men then went to the Majestic Ballroom in the same village.

HEAD UNDER TAP
Cook will say that in the ballroom, the accused's conduct was such that eventually the Military Police were sent for, and Cox was taken out of the ballroom by some Military Policemen and put into their jeep. However, they soon after allowed him to be taken back into the ballroom by Cook, who put Cox's head under the tap.

The accused was subsequently brought back to the jeep, which was then driven to camp 67, Mr O'Reilly Mayne went on.

It appeared that at this stage the accused had recovered from whatever dizziness he might have felt, for he could sit unsupported in the jeep.

When the jeep neared the entrance of the camp guardroom, the Military Policemen made

clation meeting the following day.

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known their intention that they were not going to charge the accused. The latter appeared angry. He walked up in the direction of the guardroom, shouting and demanding that he be put into the guardhouse. On reaching it, he put his fist through one of the windows and cut himself on the wrist.

Cox then entered the guardroom, where three soldiers were. One of them went out to get medical help when he saw Cox's wrist and another followed shortly after.

The third man, Cpl Mercer, will say that he saw the accused pick up one of the rifles lying about the place and try to load it with ammunition which was also on hand.

Cpl Mercer took the rifle from the accused, and walked out of the guardroom with the intention of reporting the incident. Before he left, he looked back and saw the accused loading another rifle.

TWO SHOTS HEARD
Crown Counsel went on to say that shortly after two rifle shots were heard coming from inside the guardroom. Witnesses will say they saw the accused walking about inside it with a rifle in his hand. He was next seen emerging with the rifle.

A soldier will give evidence that the accused shot over his head when he turned up to investigate the commotion, and this caused him to go away from the scene.

Two medical orderlies present appeared. As they were passing about 12 feet away from the accused, the accused told them to "run away." They turned to run. A shot was fired, and the deceased gave a cry and fell. The other orderly heard a second shot as he ran. Mr O'Reilly Mayne said the accused then went back into the guardhouse, where he was later found lying on the ground with the rifle. The deceased received immediate first aid treatment, and was taken by ambulance to hospital, but died on the way.

Witnesses will say Cox appeared to be unconscious in the guardroom. In any event, he got up later and his own injury was treated.

It was the submission of the Crown, he went on, that the words used by the accused at the incident and the manner in which he committed the act could only lead the Jury to the conclusion that he was guilty of murder.

DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY
Dr Pang Teng-chuen, Police surgeon, testified that he examined Needs' body at the Victoria Public Mortuary on March 22. The deceased was six feet one-and-a-half inches tall, and was about 20 to 21 years old. There was a round hole about a quarter of an inch in diameter over the right side of the abdomen, and another hole over the left of the buttocks. It had irregular edges, and measured two-thirds by four-fifths of an inch.

Tracing the course of the bullet, Dr Pang said a number of vertebrae were smashed, and the left hipbone and some small intestines were perforated. The main artery of the pelvis was severed.

The cause of death was shock and haemorrhage from injury to the spine, intestines and a large blood vessel.

Hearing is continuing.

**16 KILLED IN
AIR CRASH**

Marshall, Texas, May 17. Sixteen people, including a child, were reported killed in an airliner crash near here today.

The plane, belonging to the Delta Airlines, crashed into wooded countryside about 15 miles east of Marshall.

Police said that 15 adults and one child were known to be dead and there were three survivors.—Reuter.

From The Files 100 Years Ago

We quote from a Straits Times Extra of 10th May, another coolie tragedy—that of the Peruvian barque Roan Elias, in which, as usual, the Captain and European officers for the vessel have fallen victims to the despair engendered in the Chinese by the cruel and merciless greed and mismanagement of the dealers in human flesh. In the present instance, the incident caused was want of water, and this, at the very commencement of a long voyage. One pint each per day to quench the thirst of 200 men, some of them sick, crowded into the between-decks of a vessel of 300 tons, in the scorching sun, with the prospect of a burning sun! What must their sufferings have been? And is it any wonder they rose upon and destroyed those they considered their oppressors?

Eleven of the coolies have been committed for trial, and the investigations will most probably end in the case of a similar nature hitherto before the public—elicit facts showing that shortness of water was not the only grievance the coolies had to complain of, well may a correspondent ask.

"When are these frightful massacres to cease. Again and again have the agents in the coolie trade declared that they would wash their hands of it, and again and again has the love of lucre proved a temptation too strong to be resisted. What are we to think of men of comparatively respectable standing as tools of a system replete with such horrors? For years the newspapers have pictured it in its true colours; but while individuals shrink and shudder at the bloody scenes enacted before their eyes, the various governments and their officials look on with the most apathetic indifference, and the word from the Ministers or Consuls on the spot—not a word from the missionaries! When will the measure of iniquity be full? When will men learn to treat their fellow-men as human beings?"

It is earnestly to be hoped the system has now reached its climax, and that the authorities will at length be compelled to adopt measures to eradicate an evil that has grown up under their very eyes, and which, if not directly encouraged, has at all events been winked at, by those whose duty it was to have crushed it in its infancy.

PROCLAMATION
After the Supplementary Mail had closed yesterday, we received by London Telegrams, the following translation of a Proclamation issued to the merchants by Hung, the insurgent leader, previous to the capture of the town:

"The Commandant of the town, under the Chinese great Ming dynasty—to declare military rule in the town, and to protect the town and its inhabitants."

"We know that according to the revolution of the universe, both heavenly and terrestrial, is subject by nature, and by the will of the ruler, to the extreme end; and must induce commotion like anarchy; and the subversion of the existing order, which will acquire stability."

"The same principle is applicable to Empire. The Tartar Dynasty has lasted a long period of 200 years. It is now the time when the oppressed and the oppressed are cruelly oppressing the people. According to the law of the universe, the term of its existence is to run out, and the empire is at its last breath."

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